

# SENATE JOURNAL

EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE — REGULAR SESSION

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AUSTIN, TEXAS

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PROCEEDINGS

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**FIFTH DAY**

(Monday, February 2, 2015)

The Senate met at 2:06 p.m. pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the President.

The roll was called and the following Senators were present: Bettencourt, Birdwell, Burton, Campbell, Creighton, Ellis, Eltife, Estes, Fraser, Garcia, Hall, Hancock, Hinojosa, Huffines, Huffman, Kolkhorst, Lucio, Nelson, Nichols, Perry, Rodríguez, Schwertner, Seliger, L. Taylor, V. Taylor, Uresti, Watson, West, Whitmire, Zaffirini.

Absent-excused: Van de Putte.

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

Pastor David Butler, Peoples Church, Jacksonville, was introduced by Senator Nichols and offered the invocation as follows:

Our Father, bring to the remembrance of Thy people Thine ancient time-honored promise: If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. We, this company of Thy people assembled, would begin now to meet the conditions that will enable Thee to fulfill Thy promise. May all in this Senate come to understand that right-living alone exalteth a nation, a state, a community, and our homes and that only in Thy will can peace and joy be found. But, Lord, this land cannot be righteous unless her people are righteous, and we here gathered are but a small part but yet powerful in the affairs of our great state, Texas. We know that the world cannot be changed until the hearts of man are changed. Our hearts need to be changed. Let it begin here in this Senate. Let it begin now. O Lord our God, if ever we needed Thy wisdom and Thy guidance, it is now as the Senate begins this 84th Session, standing upon the threshold of a new year fraught with so many dangerous opportunities. We pray that Thou wilt bless these men and women chosen by the people of this state, for Thou knowest them, their needs, their motives, their hope, and their fears. Lord Jesus, put Thine arm around them to give them strength, and speak to them to give them wisdom greater than their own. May they hear Thy voice, and seek Thy guidance. May they remember that Thou art concerned about what is said and done

here, and may they have clear conscience before Thee, that they need fear no man. Bless each of us according to our deepest need, and use us for Thy glory. Hear this our prayer and grant that we may confidently expect to see it answered in our time, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 an illness in the family.

### MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

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

January 21, 2015  
Austin, Texas

TO THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE, REGULAR SESSION:

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

To be Inspector General for Health and Human Services, effective February 1, 2015, for a term to expire February 1, 2016:

Stuart W. Bowen, Jr.  
Austin, Texas

Mr. Bowen is replacing Douglas C. Wilson of Pflugerville.

To be Commissioner of Insurance, effective February 1, 2015, for a term to expire February 1, 2017:

David C. Mattax  
Austin, Texas

Mr. Mattax is being reappointed.

To be Secretary of State during the term of office of this Governor:

Carlos H. Cascos  
Brownsville, Texas

Judge Cascos is replacing Secretary Nandita V. Berry of Houston.

To be Director of the Office of State-Federal Relations, for a term to expire at the pleasure of the Governor:

Jerry D. Strickland, II  
Austin, Texas

Mr. Strickland is replacing Mr. Daniel Wilmot.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Greg Abbott  
Governor

January 22, 2015  
Austin, Texas

TO THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH 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 A&M University System Board of Regents, effective February 1, 2015, for terms to expire February 1, 2021:

Phillip Adams

Bryan, Texas

(Mr. Adams is being reappointed)

Robert L. Albritton

Fort Worth, Texas

(replacing John White of Houston whose term expired)

William Mahomes, Jr.

Dallas, Texas

(replacing James Schwertner, Jr. of Austin whose term expired)

To be members of the Texas Tech University System Board of Regents, effective January 31, 2015, for terms to expire January 31, 2021:

Ronnie D. Hammonds

Houston, Texas

(replacing John Huffaker of Amarillo whose term expired)

Christopher M. Huckabee

Fort Worth, Texas

(replacing Nancy Neal of Lubbock whose term expired)

Mickey L. Long

Midland, Texas

(Mr. Long is being reappointed)

To be members of the University of Texas System Board of Regents, effective February 1, 2015, for terms to expire February 1, 2021:

Sara Martinez Tucker

Dallas, Texas

(replacing William Powell of San Antonio whose term expired)

David J. Beck

Houston, Texas

(replacing Robert Stillwell of Houston whose term expired)

Robert Steven Hicks

Austin, Texas

(Mr. Hicks is being reappointed)

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Greg Abbott  
Governor

**SENATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING**

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

**SB 301** by V. Taylor

Relating to school marshals for private schools.

To Committee on Education.

**SB 302** by Hinojosa

Relating to the operation of the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association; affecting surcharges.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 303** by Hancock

Relating to the effect of certain agreements with a collective bargaining organization on certain state-funded public work contracts.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 304** by Schwertner

Relating to the abuse and neglect of residents of certain facilities.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 305** by Zaffirini

Relating to the creation of the Cotton Center Municipal Utility District No. 1; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

**SB 306** by Zaffirini

Relating to the information included in the annual report of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 307** by Hancock

Relating to dedicating certain state revenue to the purpose of retiring state general obligation debt.

To Committee on Finance.

**SB 308** by Whitmire

Relating to the application of public information laws to campus police departments at private institutions of higher education.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 309** by Campbell

Relating to public access to boundary, financial, and tax rate information of certain political subdivisions.

To Committee on Finance.

**SB 310** by Campbell

Relating to procedures and requirements for the issuance of certificates of obligation.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

**SB 311** by Campbell

Relating to certain offenses involving the carrying of concealed handguns by license holders and to defenses and exceptions to the prosecution of those offenses.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 312** by Seliger

Relating to a required report made to a public school student, parent, and teacher regarding the student's performance on certain state-adopted or state-developed assessment instruments.

To Committee on Education.

**SB 313** by Seliger

Relating to review and modification of the essential knowledge and skills of the required public school curriculum.

To Committee on Education.

**SB 314** by West

Relating to appointment of a nonparent as managing conservator of a child.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 315** by Hinojosa

Relating to the issuance of tax-supported bonds by certain school districts and increasing the tax rate limitation on the issuance of those bonds.

To Committee on Education.

**SB 316** by Hinojosa

Relating to the prioritization of certain available legal defense services when appointing representation for an indigent defendant in a criminal case.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 317** by Hinojosa, Lucio, Zaffirini

Relating to The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.

To Committee on Higher Education.

**SB 318** by Hinojosa

Relating to the amount the Texas Military Preparedness Commission may grant to local governmental entities for certain purposes.

To Committee on Veteran Affairs and Military Installations.

**SB 319** by V. Taylor

Relating to lobbying by former members of the legislature; creating an offense.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 320** by Zaffirini

Relating to the certification of certain peace officers to enforce commercial motor vehicle safety standards.

To Committee on Transportation.

**SB 321** by Hinojosa

Relating to the amount of money transferred monthly from the state highway fund to the Texas emissions reduction plan fund.

To Committee on Transportation.

**SB 322** by Schwertner

Relating to access to pharmacists, pharmacies, and pharmaceutical care under certain health benefit plans.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 323** by Nichols

Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for a multipurpose education building at Lamar State College–Orange.

To Committee on Higher Education.

**SB 324** by Nichols

Relating to the small-sized district adjustment under the Foundation School Program.

To Committee on Education.

**SB 325** by Rodríguez

Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds to fund a college of business administration complex at The University of Texas at El Paso.

To Committee on Higher Education.

**SB 326** by Estes

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

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 327** by Hinojosa

Relating to the authority of a county to adopt a fire code.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

**SB 328** by Hinojosa

Relating to the numbering of local and state propositions on the ballot.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 329** by Hinojosa

Relating to state and local planning for and responses to drought.

To Committee on Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs.

**SB 330** by Creighton

Relating to the computation of the franchise tax.

To Committee on Finance.

**SB 331** by Creighton

Relating to the use of certain surplus state revenue to provide for a rebate of state franchise taxes.

To Committee on Finance.

**SB 332** by Schwertner

Relating to the use of maximum allowable cost lists related to pharmacy benefits.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 333** by Nichols

Relating to the Montgomery County Hospital District.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

**SB 334** by Watson

Relating to the rules of the road regarding red signals at certain traffic control signals.  
To Committee on Transportation.

**SB 335** by V. Taylor

Relating to the right of officers of counties, county boards of school trustees, and county boards of education to obtain information, documents, and records.  
To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 336** by V. Taylor

Relating to the right of municipal officers to obtain information, documents, and records.  
To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 337** by V. Taylor

Relating to the right of directors of special districts to obtain district information, documents, and records.  
To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 338** by Ellis

Relating to duties of prosecutors.  
To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 339** by Eltife

Relating to the medical use of low-THC cannabis and the regulation of related organizations and individuals; requiring a dispensing organization to obtain a license to dispense low-THC cannabis and any employee of a dispensing organization to obtain a registration; authorizing fees.  
To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 340** by Huffines

Relating to prohibiting the use of photographic traffic signal enforcement systems.  
To Committee on Transportation.

**SB 341** by Huffines

Relating to the allocation of certain motor vehicle sales tax revenue to the state highway fund and to the uses of that revenue.  
To Committee on Transportation.

**SB 342** by Huffines

Relating to providing for the open and concealed carrying of handguns without a license and to related offenses and penalties.  
To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 343** by Huffines

Relating to the conformity of local law with state law.  
To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 344** by Huffman

Relating to the prosecution of the offense of online solicitation of a minor.  
To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 345** by Huffman

Relating to the prosecution of the offense of breach of computer security.  
To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 346** by Estes

Relating to the authority of a person who is licensed to carry a handgun to openly carry a holstered handgun; creating a criminal offense; providing penalties.  
To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 347** by Nichols

Relating to the governing board of the Trinity Valley Community College District.  
To Committee on Higher Education.

**SB 348** by Ellis

Relating to the designation of certain election days as state holidays.  
To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 349** by Ellis

Relating to the authority of the secretary of state to enforce election laws.  
To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 350** by Birdwell

Relating to the duties of the General Land Office and other state agencies with regard to the accounting for and management of real property owned by the state.  
To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 351** by Birdwell

Relating to the determination of resident status of students by public institutions of higher education.  
To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 352** by Birdwell

Relating to the violation of certain court orders or conditions of bond in a family violence, sexual assault or abuse, stalking, or trafficking case.  
To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 353** by Nelson

Relating to state agency contracting.  
To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 354** by Nelson

Relating to the transfer to the Health and Human Services Commission of contracting authority for children's advocacy centers and volunteer advocate programs.  
To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 355** by Nelson

Relating to control measures for an individual exposed to a communicable disease.  
To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 357** by Schwertner

Relating to the adoption of a training manual and code of conduct for members of the State Board of Dental Examiners.  
To Committee on Health and Human Services.



**SB 358** by West

Relating to student loan repayment assistance for certain employees of the Department of Family and Protective Services.  
To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 359** by West

Relating to the authority of a peace officer to apprehend a person for emergency detention and the authority of certain facilities to temporarily detain a person with mental illness.  
To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 360** by Estes

Relating to regulatory takings.  
To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 361** by Estes

Relating to limitations on the rate of growth of appropriations.  
To Committee on Finance.

**SB 362** by Estes

Relating to the repeal of the additional ad valorem taxes imposed as a result of certain changes in the use of open-space land appraised as agricultural land.  
To Committee on Finance.

**SB 363** by Fraser

Relating to election dates for directors of the Bandera County River Authority and Groundwater District.  
To Committee on Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs.

**SB 364** by Estes

Relating to the abolishment of the Texas Racing Commission and the transfer of its powers and duties to the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation; providing penalties; authorizing fees.  
To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 365** by Eltife

Relating to the methods of recovery of stranded environmental compliance costs by certain non-ERCOT electric utilities.  
To Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development.

**SB 366** by Garcia

Relating to the regulation of automotive wrecking and salvage yards in certain counties; increasing the civil penalty.  
To Committee on Transportation.

**SB 367** by Garcia

Relating to the unauthorized use of an alcoholic beverage permit or license; providing a criminal penalty.  
To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 368** by Garcia

Relating to the right of a public employee to representation in certain internal investigatory interviews.

To Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development.

**SB 369** by Ellis

Relating to jury instructions regarding the insanity defense in a criminal case.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 370** by Ellis

Relating to the insanity defense in a criminal case.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 371** by Ellis

Relating to issuance of a receipt for a voter registration applicant.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 372** by Nichols

Relating to the abolishment of the Orange County child support office and to the divorce and contempt fees paid in Orange County.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 373** by West

Relating to increased oversight by the Department of State Health Services of hospitals that commit certain violations.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 374** by Schwertner

Relating to requiring state agencies to participate in the federal electronic verification of employment authorization program, or E-verify.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 375** by Rodríguez

Relating to the applicability of a wage and salary presumption to an incarcerated person for purposes of determining child support obligations.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 376** by Rodríguez

Relating to the consideration of criminal history record information regarding applicants for employment.

To Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development.

**SB 377** by Rodríguez

Relating to the prosecution of the offense of prostitution.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 378** by Rodríguez

Relating to the liability of certain social workers who provide volunteer health care services to charitable organizations.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 379** by Rodríguez

Relating to the classification of exotic and nongame animals.  
To Committee on Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs.

**SB 380** by Rodríguez, Burton, Hinojosa, Perry

Relating to procedures for certain persons charged with a 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 381** by Uresti

Relating to tort liability arising from a volunteer's operation of a Parks and Wildlife Department motor-driven vehicle or motor-driven equipment.  
To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 382** by Uresti

Relating to public school educator continuing education credit for instruction on the use of an automated external defibrillator.  
To Committee on Education.

**SB 383** by Uresti

Relating to the time of delivery to the early voting ballot board for ballots voted by mail in certain counties.  
To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 384** by Uresti

Relating to the electronic submission of an application to vote by mail.  
To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 385** by Uresti

Relating to electronic voter registration.  
To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 386** by V. Taylor

Relating to the appointment of school marshals by public junior colleges.  
To Committee on Higher Education.

**SB 387** by Rodríguez

Relating to trusts.  
To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 388** by Rodríguez

Relating to the establishment of the Advisory Committee on Suicide Prevention.  
To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 389** by Rodríguez

Relating to the placement of military occupational specialty codes on certain notices of state agency employment openings.  
To Committee on Veteran Affairs and Military Installations.

**SB 390** by Burton

Relating to docket preference for trials in which the alleged victim is younger than 14 years of age.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 391** by Burton

Relating to equal opportunity for access by home-schooled students to University Interscholastic League sponsored activities; authorizing a fee.

To Committee on Education.

**SB 392** by Burton

Relating to posting notice of a meeting of a governmental body on the Internet instead of in a newspaper.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 393** by Burton, Rodríguez

Relating to the punishment for certain offenses against property or against public administration.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 394** by Perry

Relating to the use of supplemental environmental projects by a local government to come into compliance with environmental laws or remediate environmental harm caused by the local government.

To Committee on Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs.

**SB 395** by Perry

Relating to the first day of instruction in certain school districts.

To Committee on Education.

**SB 396** by Burton

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

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 397** by Rodríguez

Relating to the marketing and advertising of the veterans' assistance lottery game.

To Committee on Veteran Affairs and Military Installations.

**SB 398** by Schwertner

Relating to fingerprints collected by the Texas Department of Public Safety from an applicant for a driver's license or personal identification certificate and used for the department's image verification system.

To Committee on Transportation.

**SB 399** by Campbell

Relating to ballot propositions authorizing certain political subdivisions to issue debt obligations.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 400** by Campbell

Relating to procedural requirements for adopting and filing a school district budget.

To Committee on Education.

**SCR 5** by Estes

Urging Congress to reimburse the State of Texas for bearing the financial burden of the federal government's responsibility to secure the Texas-Mexico international border.

To Committee on Veteran Affairs and Military Installations, Subcommittee on Border Security.

**SJR 9** by V. Taylor

Proposing a constitutional amendment to provide for review or approval of state agency rules by the elected members of the legislature.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SJR 10** by Campbell

Proposing a constitutional amendment relating to an individual's or religious organization's freedom of religion.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SJR 11** by Perry

Proposing a constitutional amendment regarding the maximum amount of appropriations for a state fiscal biennium.

To Committee on Finance.

**SJR 12** by Perry

Proposing a constitutional amendment prescribing the purposes for which revenue from motor vehicle registration fees, certain motor vehicle-related taxes, and certain revenues received from the federal government may be used.

To Committee on Finance.

**SJR 13** by Rodríguez, Hinojosa

Proposing a constitutional amendment to repeal the constitutional provision providing that marriage in this state consists only of the union of one man and one woman and prohibiting this state or a political subdivision of this state from creating or recognizing any legal status identical or similar to marriage.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SJR 14** by Nichols

Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to limit the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem tax purposes to 105 percent or less of the appraised value of the property for the preceding tax year and to permit the voters of a county to establish a higher limitation not to exceed 110 percent on the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead in the county.

To Committee on Finance.

**SJR 15** by Schwertner

Proposing a constitutional amendment prescribing the purposes for which revenue from motor vehicle registration fees, certain motor vehicle-related taxes, and certain revenues received from the federal government may be used.

To Committee on Finance.

**SJR 16** by Campbell

Proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the rights of individuals to choose or decline to choose to purchase health insurance coverage.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SJR 17** by Perry

Proposing a constitutional amendment relating to private road work by certain counties.

To Committee on Transportation.

**SJR 18** by Estes

Proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the appropriation of the net revenue received from the imposition of the state sales and use tax on sporting goods.

To Committee on Finance.

**SJR 19** by Perry

Proposing a constitutional amendment limiting appropriations from the economic stabilization fund to a total amount that the comptroller of public accounts estimates will not result at any time in a fund balance of less than a prescribed minimum amount, other than in an emergency if certain requirements are met.

To Committee on Finance.

**SJR 20** by Watson

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the governing body of a political subdivision other than a school district to adopt an exemption from ad valorem taxation of a portion, expressed as a dollar amount, of the market value of an individual's residence homestead.

To Committee on Finance.

**SJR 21** by Watson

Proposing a constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes, providing for the increase of the exemption amount in subsequent years to reflect inflation, and providing for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for those purposes on the homestead of a disabled or elderly person to reflect the increased exemption amounts.

To Committee on Finance.

**SJR 22** by Creighton

Proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the right to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife.

To Committee on Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs.

**SJR 23** by Creighton

Proposing a constitutional amendment concerning the use of unencumbered surplus state revenues to provide for a rebate of state franchise taxes.

To Committee on Finance.

**SJR 24** by Eltife

Proposing a constitutional amendment limiting to two the number of consecutive terms for which a person may be elected or appointed to hold certain state offices.  
To Committee on State Affairs.

**SJR 25** by Nelson

Proposing a constitutional amendment to dedicate certain money to the purpose of retiring state debt early.  
To Committee on Finance.

**ANNIVERSARY WISHES EXTENDED**

Senator Ellis was recognized and, on behalf of the Senate, extended wedding anniversary wishes to Senator Zaffirini.

**MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE**

HOUSE CHAMBER

Austin, Texas

Monday, February 2, 2015 - 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 53** Landgraf

Inviting the chief justice of the Supreme Court of Texas to address a joint session of the legislature on February 18th, 2015.

Respectfully,

/s/Robert Haney, Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives

**PHYSICIAN OF THE DAY**

Senator Zaffirini was recognized and presented Dr. Luis Benavides of Laredo as the Physician of the Day.

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

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 103**

On motion of Senator Hinojosa, Senator Campbell will be shown as Co-author of **SB 103**.

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 137**

On motion of Senator Perry, Senator Schwertner will be shown as Co-author of **SB 137**.

**CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 219**

On motion of Senator Schwertner, Senators Birdwell and Campbell will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 219**.

**STANDING COMMITTEES APPOINTED**

On Friday, January 23, 2015, the President announced the appointment of the following committees for the 84th Legislature:

**ADMINISTRATION**

Hancock, Chair; Uresti, Vice-chair; Campbell, Eltife, Huffines, Schwertner, West.

**AGRICULTURE, WATER, AND RURAL AFFAIRS**

Perry, Chair; Zaffirini, Vice-chair; Creighton, Hall, Hinojosa, Kolkhorst, Rodríguez.

**BUSINESS AND COMMERCE**

Eltife, Chair; Creighton, Vice-chair; Ellis, Huffines, Schwertner, Seliger, L. Taylor, Watson, Whitmire.

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

Whitmire, Chair; Huffman, Vice-chair; Burton, Creighton, Hinojosa, Perry, Van de Putte\*.

**EDUCATION**

L. Taylor, Chair; Lucio, Vice-chair; Bettencourt, Campbell, Garcia, Huffines, Kolkhorst, Rodríguez, Seliger, V. Taylor, West.

**FINANCE**

Nelson, Chair; Hinojosa, Vice-chair; Bettencourt, Eltife, Hancock, Huffman, Kolkhorst, Nichols, Schwertner, Seliger, L. Taylor, Uresti, Watson, West, Whitmire.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Schwertner, Chair; Kolkhorst, Vice-chair; Campbell, Estes, Perry, Rodríguez, V. Taylor, Uresti, Zaffirini.

**HIGHER EDUCATION**

Seliger, Chair; West, Vice-chair; Bettencourt, Burton, Perry, Van de Putte\*, Watson.

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

Lucio, Chair; Bettencourt, Vice-chair; Campbell, Garcia, Nichols, L. Taylor, Van de Putte\*.

**NATURAL RESOURCES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Fraser, Chair; Estes, Vice-chair; Birdwell, Hall, Hancock, Hinojosa, Lucio, Nichols, Seliger, Uresti, Zaffirini.

**NOMINATIONS**

Birdwell, Chair; V. Taylor, Vice-chair; Burton, Fraser, Estes, Rodríguez, Watson.



**STATE AFFAIRS**

Huffman, Chair; Ellis, Vice-chair; Birdwell, Creighton, Estes, Fraser, Nelson, Schwertner, Zaffirini.

**TRANSPORTATION**

Nichols, Chair; Huffines, Vice-chair; Ellis, Fraser, Garcia, Hall, Hancock, Kolkhorst, V. Taylor.

**VETERAN AFFAIRS AND MILITARY INSTALLATIONS**

Campbell, Chair; Burton, Vice-chair; Birdwell, Garcia, Hall, Lucio, Rodríguez.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON BORDER SECURITY**

Birdwell, Chair; Hall, Vice-chair; Lucio.

*\* Van de Putte resigned; succeeded by Menéndez.*

**RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION**

The following resolutions were adopted by the Senate:

**Memorial Resolutions**

**SR 81** by Watson, In memory of Moses Steve Vasquez.

**SR 82** by Watson, In memory of Lester J. Reed.

**Welcome and Congratulatory Resolutions**

**SR 70** by Creighton, Recognizing the Q'ing to Cure Childhood Cancer BBQ Cook-off.

**SR 71** by Eltife, Welcoming residents of Panola County on the occasion of Panola County Day.

**SR 72** by Eltife, Recognizing residents of Lamar County on the occasion of Lamar County Day.

**SR 73** by Eltife, Recognizing residents of Tyler, Kilgore, and Longview on the occasion of East Texas Coalition Day.

**SR 74** by Schwertner, Welcoming residents of Bryan and College Station on the occasion of Bryan-College Station Day.

**SR 77** by Nichols, Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

**SR 80** by Hinojosa, Recognizing Diana Barrera on the occasion of her retirement.

**SR 83** by Watson, Recognizing Stefan Sinclair, who was named the 2014 Texas Big Brother of the Year.

**Official Designation Resolutions**

**SR 75** by Kolkhorst, Recognizing Waller County Day on February 3, 2015.

**SR 78** by Kolkhorst, Recognizing Matagorda County Day on February 10, 2015.

**SR 79** by Birdwell, Recognizing February 4, 2015, as Waco Day.

**SR 85** by Nelson, Recognizing Texas Council on Family Violence Day on February 11, 2015.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Senator Whitmire, the Senate at 2:36 p.m. adjourned, in memory of Chris Kyle and Chad Littlefield, until 11:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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**APPENDIX**

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

February 2, 2015

ADMINISTRATION — **SJR 26, SB 356**

**RESOLUTIONS ENROLLED**

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