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TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY

(Tuesday, March 24, 2015)

The Senate met at 11:02 a.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, Menéndez, Nelson, Nichols, Perry, Rodríguez, Schwertner, Seliger, L. Taylor, V. Taylor, Uresti, Watson, West, Whitmire, Zaffirini.

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

His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Catholic Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, was introduced by Senator Lucio and offered the invocation as follows:

Lord God, heavenly Father, we humbly invoke Your assistance over this legislative assembly and over each of its Members. We ask that the deliberations of the Senate of the State of Texas be imbued with a spirit of right judgment and wisdom and that the decisions made here reflect a selfless and disinterested concern for the public good. May each Senator act with generous concern for the good of all who dwell here, and may their votes be a reflection of a good and clear conscience. May they take to heart how their exercise of political judgment will affect the lives of the children, women, and men who form the communities, great and small, that make up the State of Texas. May they find the courage to stand up and protect the poor and vulnerable from falling prey to exploitation by predatory actors. O Lord, bless all of us in this state to take up generously our responsibilities to one another, that ours may be a peaceable reflection of that kingdom of justice, compassion, and peace which, though not yet come to fulfillment, is yet destined by Your grace to renew the face of the Earth. In our Lord's name we 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.

PHYSICIAN OF THE DAY

Senator Watson was recognized and presented Dr. Georgeanne Freeman of Austin as the Physician of the Day.

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

RESOLUTIONS SIGNED

The President announced the signing of the following enrolled resolutions in the presence of the Senate: **HCR 47, HCR 100.**

SENATE RESOLUTION 366

Senator Lucio offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Sister Norma Pimentel and the staff of Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley for their leadership and aid during the 2014 humanitarian crisis along the border between Texas and Mexico; and

WHEREAS, In the summer of 2014, the Rio Grande Valley experienced unexpected and overwhelming waves of immigrants arriving in this country to find safe haven and to create better lives for their families; among the immigrants were thousands of unaccompanied children, many of whom had traveled for weeks over long distances while facing many hardships along the way; and

WHEREAS, Sister Pimentel, executive director of Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley, and the organization's staff were able to shepherd the resources of the community and welcome these new arrivals by providing them with such basic necessities as warm meals, showers, fresh clothing, toiletries, and blankets; and

WHEREAS, To accomplish its mission, the organization drew on the generosity of such local organizations and institutions as Sacred Heart Church in McAllen, the Food Bank of the Rio Grande Valley, the City of McAllen, and the Salvation Army of the Rio Grande Valley; and

WHEREAS, Sister Pimentel worked diligently to ensure that the immigrants were treated with the dignity and respect that every person deserves; she was instrumental in efforts to keep families together and to secure adequate facilities for the unaccompanied children; and

WHEREAS, Under Sister Pimentel's exceptional leadership, Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley has led the way in demonstrating kindness and compassion; it is truly fitting that Sister Pimentel and this outstanding organization receive legislative recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby commend Sister Norma Pimentel and the staff of Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley on the remarkable efforts they put forth in facing an emergency situation and extend best wishes to them for continued success with their humanitarian work; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of Sister Norma Pimentel and Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley.

SR 366 was read and was adopted without objection.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Lucio was recognized and introduced to the Senate a Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley delegation: Sister Norma Pimentel; the Most Reverend Daniel Flores, Bishop of Brownsville; and Herminia Forshage.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

GUEST PRESENTED

Senator Zaffirini was recognized and introduced to the Senate the Most Reverend James Tamayo, Bishop of Laredo.

The Senate welcomed its guest.

GUEST PRESENTED

Senator Eltife was recognized and introduced to the Senate the Most Reverend Joseph Strickland, Bishop of Tyler.

The Senate welcomed its guest.

SENATE RESOLUTION 423

Senator Hinojosa offered the following resolution:

SR 423, Congratulating Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary for receiving the 2014 Lumen Christi Award.

The resolution was read and was adopted without objection.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Hinojosa was recognized and introduced to the Senate a Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary delegation.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Menéndez was recognized and introduced to the Senate delegations from CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Health System and Central Catholic High School.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Nichols, joined by Senator Creighton, was recognized and introduced to the Senate a Montgomery County delegation.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Kolkhorst was recognized and introduced to the Senate a City of Port Aransas delegation.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Hinojosa was recognized and introduced to the Senate a La Joya ISD delegation.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

(Senator Schwertner in Chair)

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Uresti was recognized and introduced to the Senate a City of Del Rio and Val Verde County delegation.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

**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.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Estes was recognized and introduced to the Senate a Tarleton State University delegation.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Uresti, joined by Senator Zaffirini, was recognized and introduced to the Senate an Atascosa County delegation.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

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.

Senator Birdwell 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 31, Nays 0.

Judge, 26th Judicial District Court, Williamson County: Donna Gayle King, Williamson County.

Judge, 352nd Judicial District Court, Tarrant County: Mark Timothy Pittman, Tarrant County.

Judge, 400th Judicial District Court, Fort Bend County: Maggie Perez-Jaramillo, Fort Bend County.

Judge, 442nd Judicial District Court, Denton County: Tiffany Leigh Haertling, Denton County.

Judge, 443rd Judicial District Court, Ellis County: Cynthia Denise Goff Ermatinger, Ellis County.

Judge, 50th Judicial District Court, Baylor, Cottle, King, and Knox Counties: Bobby Driver Burnett, Knox County.

Judge, 5th Judicial District Court, Bowie and Cass Counties: William W. Miller, Bowie County.

Presiding Judge, Eighth Administrative Judicial Region: David Lattimore Evans, Tarrant County.

Presiding Judge, First Administrative Judicial Region: Mary Lynne Murphy, Dallas County.

Presiding Judge, Seventh Administrative Judicial Region: Morton Valdean Rucker, Midland County.

Presiding Judge, Third Administrative Judicial Region: Billy Ray Stubblefield, Williamson County.

Justice, Court of Appeals, Eighth Court of Appeals District: Steven Lee Hughes, El Paso County.

Justice, Court of Appeals, Fifth Court of Appeals District: David John Schenck, Dallas County.

Justice, Court of Appeals, Fourth Court of Appeals District: Jason Kenneth Pulliam, Bexar County.

Justice, Court of Appeals, Second Court of Appeals District: Bonnie Sudderth, Tarrant County.

Justice, Court of Appeals, Third Court of Appeals District: Cynthia Olson Bourland, Williamson County.

Justice, Court of Appeals, Twelfth Court of Appeals District: Gregory W. Neeley, Gregg County.

District Attorney, 369th Judicial District, Leon County: Hope L. Knight, Leon County.

Member, Judicial Compensation Commission: Robert E. Lindsey, Mills County.

Members, Board of Directors, State Bar of Texas: Barbara R. Bass, Smith County; Joe Horkey, Lubbock County; Gail M. Plummer, Collin County; Alexander Ford Sasser, Hidalgo County.

Members, State Commission on Judicial Conduct: Demetrius K. Bivins, Fort Bend County; Douglas S. Lang, Dallas County; Orlanda L. Naranjo, Travis County; David M. Russell, Hays County.

Members, Texas Judicial Council: Carlos Z. Amaral, Collin County; Richard Scott Figueroa, Austin County; Allyson Newton Ho, Dallas County.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING CALL

The Presiding Officer at 11:43 a.m. announced the conclusion of morning call.

(President in Chair)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 512 ON SECOND READING

Senator Zaffirini moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 512** at this time on its second reading:

CSSB 512, Relating to the promulgation of certain forms for use in probate matters.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Burton 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 a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to engrossment except as follows:

Nays: Burton.

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 512 ON THIRD READING

Senator Zaffirini moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **CSSB 512** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Nays: Burton.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1. (Same as previous roll call)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 671 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Birdwell and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **CSSB 671** at this time on its second reading:

CSSB 671, Relating to the designation of Loop 567 in Granbury as the Deputy Sergeant Lance McLean Memorial Highway.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment without objection.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to engrossment.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 671 ON THIRD READING**

Senator Birdwell moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **CSSB 671** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

SENATE BILL 652 ON SECOND READING

Senator Schwertner moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **SB 652** at this time on its second reading:

SB 652, Relating to excluding a franchisor as an employer of a franchisee or a franchisee's employees.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 23, Nays 8.

Yeas: Bettencourt, Birdwell, Burton, Campbell, Creighton, Eltife, Estes, Fraser, Hall, Hancock, Hinojosa, Huffines, Huffman, Kolkhorst, Lucio, Nelson, Nichols, Perry, Schwertner, Seliger, L. Taylor, V. Taylor, Uresti.

Nays: Ellis, Garcia, Menéndez, Rodríguez, Watson, West, Whitmire, Zaffrini.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment by the following vote: Yeas 23, Nays 8. (Same as previous roll call)

SENATE BILL 534 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Watson and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **SB 534** at this time on its second reading:

SB 534, Relating to the oath of a person admitted to practice law in the State of Texas.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment without objection.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to engrossment.

SENATE BILL 534 ON THIRD READING

Senator Watson moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **SB 534** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 172 ON SECOND READING**

On motion of Senator Huffman and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **CSSB 172** at this time on its second reading:

CSSB 172, Relating to the addition of certain substances to Penalty Groups 1-A and 2 of the Texas Controlled Substances Act for criminal prosecution and other purposes.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment without objection.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to engrossment.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 172 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 **CSSB 172** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 173 ON SECOND READING**

On motion of Senator Huffman and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **CSSB 173** at this time on its second reading:

CSSB 173, Relating to the designation for criminal prosecution and other purposes of certain chemicals commonly referred to as synthetic cannabinoids as controlled substances and controlled substance analogues under the Texas Controlled Substances Act.

The bill was read second time.

Senator Huffman offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 1

Amend **CSSB 173** (Senate Committee Printing) as follows:

(1) In SECTION 2 of the bill, in added Section 481.1031(a), Health and Safety Code (page 1, lines 44 through 57), strike Subdivisions (1), (2), and (3) and substitute the following:

(1) "Core component" is one of the following: azaindole, benzimidazole, benzothiazole, carbazole, imidazole, indane, indazole, indene, indole, pyrazole, pyrazolopyridine, pyridine, or pyrrole.

(2) "Group A component" is one of the following: adamantane, benzene, cycloalkylmethyl, isoquinoline, methylpiperazine, naphthalene, phenyl, quinoline, tetrahydronaphthalene, tetramethylcyclopropane, amino oxobutane, amino dimethyl oxobutane, amino phenyl oxopropane, methyl methoxy oxobutane, methoxy dimethyl oxobutane, methoxy phenyl oxopropane, or an amino acid.

(3) "Link component" is one of the following functional groups: carboxamide, carboxylate, hydrazide, methanone (ketone), ethanone, methanediyl (methylene bridge), or methine.

(2) In SECTION 2 of the bill, in added Section 481.1031(b)(5), Health and Safety Code (page 5, line 5), strike "Naphtoylindane" and substitute "Naphthoylindane".

The amendment to **CSSB 173** was read and was adopted without objection.

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

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

CSSB 173 as amended was passed to engrossment without objection.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to engrossment.

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 173 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 **CSSB 173** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 461 ON SECOND READING

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

CSSB 461, Relating to false or misleading packaging, labeling, or advertising of certain abusable synthetic substances; providing civil penalties; creating a criminal offense.

The bill was read second time.

Senator Perry offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 1

Amend **CSSB 461** (senate committee printing) in SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 484.002(a), Health and Safety Code (page 1, line 55), between "the person" and "produces", by inserting "knowingly".

The amendment to **CSSB 461** was read and was adopted without objection.

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

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

CSSB 461 as amended was passed to engrossment without objection.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to engrossment.

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 461 ON THIRD READING

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

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

SENATE BILL 453 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Seliger and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **SB 453** at this time on its second reading:

SB 453, Relating to minimum scores required for public school students to receive credit by an examination administered through the College-Level Examination Program.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment without objection.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to engrossment.

SENATE BILL 453 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 **SB 453** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

SENATE BILL 664 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator V. Taylor and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **SB 664** at this time on its second reading:

SB 664, Relating to employment termination for falsification of military record in obtaining employment or employment benefits.

The bill was read second time.

Senator Estes offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 1

Amend **SB 664**, in SECTION 2 of the bill, in added Section 105.002(a), Labor Code (Committee printing page 1, line 40), by striking "belief" and substituting "factual basis".

The amendment to **SB 664** was read and was adopted without objection.

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

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

SB 664 as amended was passed to engrossment without objection.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to engrossment.

SENATE BILL 664 ON THIRD READING

Senator V. Taylor moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **SB 664** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 5 ON SECOND READING

Senator Estes moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSCR 5** at this time on its second reading:

CSSCR 5, 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.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 25, Nays 6.

Yeas: Bettencourt, Birdwell, Burton, Campbell, Creighton, Eltife, Estes, Fraser, Hall, Hancock, Hinojosa, Huffines, Huffman, Kolkhorst, Lucio, Nelson, Nichols, Perry, Schwertner, Seliger, L. Taylor, V. Taylor, Uresti, Whitmire, Zaffirini.

Nays: Ellis, Garcia, Menéndez, Rodríguez, Watson, West.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted by the following vote: Yeas 25, Nays 6. (Same as previous roll call)

SENATE BILL 179 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Perry and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **SB 179** at this time on its second reading:

SB 179, Relating to the handgun proficiency required to obtain or renew a concealed handgun license.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment without objection. All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to engrossment.

SENATE BILL 179 ON THIRD READING

Senator Perry moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **SB 179** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

SENATE BILL 562 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Nichols and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **SB 562** at this time on its second reading:

SB 562, Relating to annual permits to move certain equipment; authorizing a fee.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment without objection.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to engrossment.

SENATE BILL 562 ON THIRD READING

Senator Nichols moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **SB 562** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

SENATE BILL 757 ON SECOND READING

Senator Perry moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **SB 757** at this time on its second reading:

SB 757, Relating to the repeal of the production taxes on crude petroleum and sulphur.

The motion prevailed.

Senators Ellis, Garcia, Menéndez, Rodríguez, Watson, and West 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 a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to engrossment except as follows:

Nays: Ellis, Garcia, Menéndez, Rodríguez, Watson, West.

SENATE BILL 757 ON THIRD READING

Senator Perry moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **SB 757** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 25, Nays 6.

Yeas: Bettencourt, Birdwell, Burton, Campbell, Creighton, Eltife, Estes, Fraser, Hall, Hancock, Hinojosa, Huffines, Huffman, Kolkhorst, Lucio, Nelson, Nichols, Perry, Schwertner, Seliger, L. Taylor, V. Taylor, Uresti, Whitmire, Zaffirini.

Nays: Ellis, Garcia, Menéndez, Rodríguez, Watson, West.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 25, Nays 6. (Same as previous roll call)

**SENATE BILL 1235 REREFERRED
(Motion In Writing)**

Senator Whitmire submitted a Motion In Writing requesting that **SB 1235** be withdrawn from the Committee on Health and Human Services and rereferred to the Committee on Criminal Justice.

The Motion In Writing was read and prevailed without objection.

**SENATE RULES SUSPENDED
(Posting Rules)**

On motion of Senator L. Taylor and by unanimous consent, Senate Rule 11.10(a) and Senate Rule 11.18(a) were suspended in order that the Committee on Education might meet today.

**SENATE RULE 11.13 SUSPENDED
(Consideration of Bills in Committees)**

On motion of Senator L. Taylor and by unanimous consent, Senate Rule 11.13 was suspended to grant the Committee on Education permission to meet while the Senate is meeting today.

**SENATE RULES SUSPENDED
(Posting Rules)**

On motion of Senator Eltife and by unanimous consent, Senate Rule 11.10(a) and Senate Rule 11.18(a) were suspended in order that the Committee on Business and Commerce might meet today.

**SENATE RULE 11.13 SUSPENDED
(Consideration of Bills in Committees)**

On motion of Senator Eltife and by unanimous consent, Senate Rule 11.13 was suspended to grant the Committee on Business and Commerce permission to meet while the Senate is meeting today.

MOTION TO RECESS

On motion of Senator Whitmire and by unanimous consent, the Senate at 12:43 p.m. agreed to recess, upon completion of the introduction of bills and resolutions on first reading, until 11:00 a.m. tomorrow.

(Senator V. Taylor in Chair)

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING

The following bills, filed on or before Friday, March 13, 2015, were introduced, read first time, and referred to the committees indicated:

SB 1726 by Creighton

Relating to suits affecting the parent-child relationship and the enforcement of child support.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1727 by Creighton

Relating to the duties of the Title IV-D agency regarding the establishment, collection, and enforcement of child support.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1728 by Creighton

Relating to the days and hours that early voting is conducted by personal appearance.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1729 by Lucio

Relating to programs for imposing or increasing a toll on and increasing the vehicle registration fee for a commercial motor vehicle.

To Committee on Transportation.

SB 1730 by Lucio

Relating to the administration by the General Land Office of money allocated to this state from the national Housing Trust Fund.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1731 by Uresti

Relating to the issuance of specialty license plates to honor recipients of the Gallantry Cross Medal and the Prisoner of War Medal.

To Committee on Transportation.

SB 1732 by Uresti

Relating to state contracting standards and oversight for purchases made by certain state agencies and institutions of higher education.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 1733 by Uresti

Relating to the confidentiality of a physician's patient information in certain judicial proceedings.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1734 by Uresti

Relating to the eradication of Carrizo cane along the Rio Grande River.
To Committee on Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs.

SB 1735 by Birdwell, Bettencourt, Hall, Seliger

Relating to tuition and fee exemptions at public institutions of higher education for certain military personnel and their dependents.
To Committee on Higher Education.

SB 1736 by Hinojosa

Relating to the creation and re-creation of funds and accounts, the dedication and rededication of revenue, and the exemption of unappropriated money from use for general governmental purposes.
To Committee on Finance.

SB 1737 by Hinojosa

Relating to the designation of a segment of State Highway 83 in Hidalgo County as the World War II Veterans of the 349th Regiment of the 88th Infantry Division Memorial Highway.
To Committee on Transportation.

SB 1738 by Hinojosa

Relating to the development and production of marine seawater desalination, integrated marine seawater desalination, and facilities for the storage, conveyance, and delivery of desalinated marine seawater.
To Committee on Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs.

SB 1739 by Hinojosa

Relating to the procedure by which the assessor for a taxing unit is required to provide certain ad valorem tax-related information to a property owner or the owner's agent.
To Committee on Finance.

SB 1740 by Hinojosa

Relating to the authority of certain judges in criminal cases to review and modify a bail bond set by a municipal court judge or justice of the peace.
To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1741 by Hinojosa

Relating to the use of Texas Emissions Reduction Plan funds for the diesel emissions reduction incentive program.
To Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development.

SB 1742 by Hinojosa

Relating to immigration visa waivers for physicians.
To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 1743 by Hinojosa

Relating to expanding the powers and duties of the office of capital writs and renaming the office of capital writs the Texas office of post-conviction defender.
To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1744 by Hinojosa

Relating to funding for and a study of county health care services.
To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 1745 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 1746 by Hinojosa

Relating to a prohibition on requiring a defendant to enter a plea of guilty or nolo contendere as a condition of entering certain pretrial intervention programs.
To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1747 by Hinojosa

Relating to the establishment of an infrastructure improvement council by the Rio Grande Regional Water Authority.
To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1748 by Hinojosa

Relating to the nonpartisan election of members to the State Board of Education; providing for a fee.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1749 by Hinojosa

Relating to citrus pest and disease management.
To Committee on Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs.

SB 1750 by West

Relating to the requirements for employment positions provided through the Texas college work-study program.
To Committee on Higher Education.

SB 1751 by West

Relating to the provision of funding under the foundation school program on the basis of property values that exclude one-half of optional homestead exemptions.
To Committee on Education.

SB 1752 by West

Relating to prekindergarten programs in public schools.
To Committee on Education.

SB 1753 by Campbell

Relating to the identification requirements of certain health care providers associated with a hospital.
To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 1754 by Campbell

Relating to advertising by certain licensed freestanding emergency medical care facilities; providing an administrative penalty.
To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 1755 by Seliger

Relating to named driver insurance policies and certain related exclusions.
To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 1756 by V. Taylor

Relating to agreements between the Department of Public Safety and counties for the provision of renewal and duplicate driver's license and other identification certificate services; authorizing a fee.
To Committee on Transportation.

SB 1757 by Lucio

Relating to authorization for a school district board of trustees to grant charters for the establishment of certain charter schools.
To Committee on Education.

SB 1758 by L. Taylor

Relating to the panel of experts appointed to advise the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association.
To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 1759 by Creighton

Relating to the transportation of unsecured objects by a vehicle; creating an offense.
To Committee on Transportation.

SB 1760 by Creighton

Relating to the transparent and equitable application of ad valorem taxation procedures.
To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1761 by Creighton

Relating to the authority and obligation of this state to comply with and implement a Clean Power Plan.
To Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development.

SB 1762 by Creighton

Relating to the provision of medical care to inmates confined by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.
To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1763 by Creighton

Relating to the calculation of taxable wages paid by a professional employer organization for purposes of the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act.
To Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development.

SB 1764 by Creighton

Relating to the allocation and use of certain funds for public transportation projects.
To Committee on Transportation.

SB 1765 by Creighton

Relating to provisional authority for certain individual insurance license applicants to act as insurance agents; authorizing a fee; requiring an occupational provisional permit.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 1766 by Creighton

Relating to exemptions from certain regulation for small honey production operations.

To Committee on Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs.

SB 1767 by Creighton, Nelson

Relating to certain required reports, plans, and other documents prepared by state agencies and institutions of higher education.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 1768 by Creighton

Relating to certain diseases or illnesses suffered by firefighters and emergency medical technicians.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1769 by L. Taylor

Relating to the period of days in which a student is enrolled in a school in the United States for purposes of determining a number of years for which the student may receive an alternative or exemption from student assessment.

To Committee on Education.

SB 1770 by L. Taylor

Relating to a single common course numbering system for public institutions of higher education in this state.

To Committee on Higher Education.

SB 1771 by L. Taylor

Relating to the Texas High Performance Schools Consortium.

To Committee on Education.

SB 1772 by Menéndez

Relating to the retirement system in certain municipalities for firefighters and police officers.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1773 by Menéndez

Relating to the retirement benefits for certain elected state officials.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1774 by Menéndez

Relating to the definition of serious mental illness for purposes of certain group health benefit plans.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 1775 by Menéndez

Relating to the acquisition of certain professional services by a school district.

To Committee on Education.

SB 1776 by Menéndez

Relating to the exemption from the assessment requirements of the Texas Success Initiative for students who successfully complete certain college preparatory courses.
To Committee on Higher Education.

SB 1777 by Menéndez

Relating to the continuation of certain public benefits, including medical assistance, for individuals after release from confinement in a county jail.
To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 1778 by Menéndez

Relating to photo identification requirements for certain stored value card purchases.
To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 1779 by Menéndez

Relating to the order of candidate names on a runoff expedited election ballot.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1780 by Menéndez

Relating to the administration of rabies vaccine under a local rabies control program.
To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1781 by Menéndez

Relating to euthanasia as a last resort in a county or municipal animal shelter in certain counties.
To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 1782 by Bettencourt

Relating to the status of separate legal entities for purposes of the sales and use tax on aircraft.
To Committee on Finance.

SB 1783 by Bettencourt

Relating to apportionment of certain receipts of a broadcaster under the franchise tax.
To Committee on Finance.

SB 1784 by Lucio

Relating to information regarding the number of school counselors in public schools.
To Committee on Education.

SB 1785 by Campbell

Relating to governmental actions affecting the use or value of private property.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1786 by Garcia

Relating to the regulation of petroleum coke storage and transport.
To Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development.

SB 1787 by Garcia

Relating to an alert system for notification of the release of toxic chemicals by a manufacturing facility.
To Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development.

SB 1788 by Uresti

Relating to county energy transportation reinvestment zones.
To Committee on Transportation.

SB 1789 by Campbell

Relating to the authority of certain holders of a wine and beer retailer's permit to manufacture and sell wine and engage in certain related activities.
To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 1790 by Rodríguez

Relating to the manufacture, sale, distribution, possession, and use of drugs not approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration and the false representation that a substance is a drug approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration; creating criminal offenses.
To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 1791 by Ellis

Relating to disclosures on selection or modification of an account by a customer of a financial institution.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1792 by Ellis

Relating to access to a financial institution account of a person who dies intestate.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1793 by West

Relating to the exemption of certain mobility items and daily general use items for the elderly to be exempted from sales taxes.
To Committee on Finance.

SB 1794 by Creighton

Relating to the requirement to obtain a license to practice as an anesthesiologists assistant; imposing fees.
To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 1795 by West

Relating to creating a defense to prosecution for the offense of resisting arrest, search, or transportation or the offenses of escape or permitting or facilitating escape.
To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1796 by V. Taylor

Relating to a vacancy in the office of a member of the legislature on final conviction of a felony.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1797 by Seliger

Relating to the limitation on the amount of supplemental payments under the Texas Economic Development Act.
To Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development.

SB 1798 by Seliger

Relating to the Texas High Performance Schools Consortium.
To Committee on Education.

SB 1799 by L. Taylor

Relating to the religious freedom of a conscientious objector to act or fail to act with respect to certain issues of marriage.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1800 by L. Taylor

Relating to the computation of cost of goods for purposes of the franchise tax by certain taxable entities.
To Committee on Finance.

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 3

On motion of Senator Birdwell, Senators Bettencourt, Burton, Perry, and Schwertner will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 3**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 6

On motion of Senator L. Taylor, Senator Bettencourt will be shown as Co-author of **SB 6**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 13

On motion of Senator Perry, Senator Bettencourt will be shown as Co-author of **SB 13**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 23

On motion of Senator Zaffirini, Senator Menéndez will be shown as Co-author of **SB 23**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 31

On motion of Senator Zaffirini, Senator Estes will be shown as Co-author of **SB 31**.

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 135

On motion of Senator Whitmire, Senators Garcia, Hinojosa, and West will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 135**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 177

On motion of Senator Seliger, Senator West will be shown as Co-author of **SB 177**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 267

On motion of Senator Perry, Senator Hall will be shown as Co-author of **SB 267**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 292

On motion of Senator Nelson, Senator V. Taylor will be shown as Co-author of **SB 292**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 293

On motion of Senator Nelson, Senator West will be shown as Co-author of **SB 293**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 318

On motion of Senator Hinojosa, Senator Menéndez will be shown as Co-author of **SB 318**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 381

On motion of Senator Uresti, Senator Hinojosa will be shown as Co-author of **SB 381**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 398

On motion of Senator Schwertner, Senator Bettencourt will be shown as Co-author of **SB 398**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 435

On motion of Senator Lucio, Senator Hinojosa will be shown as Co-author of **SB 435**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 444

On motion of Senator Hall, Senator Burton will be shown as Co-author of **SB 444**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 446

On motion of Senator Hall, Senator Perry will be shown as Co-author of **SB 446**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 527

On motion of Senator Birdwell, Senator Bettencourt will be shown as Co-author of **SB 527**.

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 664

On motion of Senator V. Taylor, Senators Campbell, Hinojosa, and Lucio will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 664**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 805

On motion of Senator Campbell, Senator Hinojosa will be shown as Co-author of **SB 805**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 832

On motion of Senator Campbell, Senator Hinojosa will be shown as Co-author of **SB 832**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 833

On motion of Senator Campbell, Senator Hinojosa will be shown as Co-author of **SB 833**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 850

On motion of Senator V. Taylor, Senator Bettencourt will be shown as Co-author of **SB 850**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 947

On motion of Senator Zaffirini, Senator West will be shown as Co-author of **SB 947**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 1340

On motion of Senator Huffines, Senator Schwertner will be shown as Co-author of **SB 1340**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 1458

On motion of Senator Nichols, Senator Schwertner will be shown as Co-author of **SB 1458**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 1654

On motion of Senator Hancock, Senator Menéndez will be shown as Co-author of **SB 1654**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 1712

On motion of Senator Campbell, Senator Perry will be shown as Co-author of **SB 1712**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 13

On motion of Senator Seliger, Senator V. Taylor will be shown as Co-author of **SCR 13**.

RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION

The following resolutions were adopted by the Senate:

Congratulatory Resolutions

SR 421 by Perry, Recognizing Meadow Farmers Co-op Gin on the occasion of its 80th anniversary.

SR 425 by Watson, Recognizing Jeff Pilchick for his contributions to the field of education.

Official Designation Resolutions

SR 422 by Hinojosa, Recognizing March 24, 2015, as La Joya Independent School District Day.

SR 427 by Menéndez, Recognizing March 24, 2015, as CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Health System Advocacy Day.

SR 428 by Nelson, Proclaiming April 16, 2015, as Texas Federation of Republican Women Legislative Day.

SR 429 by Creighton and Nichols, Recognizing March 24, 2015, as Montgomery County Day.

RECESS

Pursuant to a previously adopted motion, the Senate at 12:58 p.m. recessed until 11:00 a.m. tomorrow.

APPENDIX

BILLS ENGROSSED

March 23, 2015

SB 44, SB 135, SB 289, SB 293, SB 306, SB 316, SB 317, SB 373, SB 381, SB 398, SB 431, SB 435, SB 489, SB 495, SB 832

RESOLUTIONS ENROLLED

March 23, 2015

SR 405, SR 406, SR 407, SR 408, SR 409, SR 411, SR 412, SR 413, SR 414, SR 415, SR 416, SR 417, SR 418, SR 419, SR 420

SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

March 24, 2015

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