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PROCEEDINGS

SECOND DAY

(Wednesday, July 19, 2017)

The Senate met at 1:18 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, Buckingham, Burton, Campbell, Creighton, Estes, Garcia, Hall, Hancock, Hinojosa, Huffines, Huffman, Hughes, Kolkhorst, Lucio, Menéndez, Miles, Nelson, Nichols, Perry, Rodríguez, Schwertner, Seliger, Taylor of Galveston, Taylor of Collin, Uresti, Watson, West, Whitmire, Zaffirini.

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

Pastor Wayne Calder, First United Methodist Church, Caldwell, offered the invocation as follows:

God of us all, Your passion for us remains unwavering. Your love for us cannot be changed. Forgive us for the times we forget that. Forgive us for the moments where we have questioned Your abilities and motives to be involved in our lives and the decisions we seek to make as individuals and as a land. Reassure us that You are here to help us, not hinder us, to guide us, not grieve us, to lead us, not lose us, to inspire us, not insult us, to direct us, not discourage us, to challenge us, not chain us. I pray for these, our leaders and their staff, that You would bless their homes, families, and marriages spiritually, emotionally, mentally, and physically. I pray that today we all would honor the words of the Reverend John Wesley, that we seek to do all the good we can, by all the means we can, in all the ways we can, in all the places we can, at all the times we can, to all the people we can, as long as ever we can. 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. Kristi Salinas of Austin as the Physician of the Day.

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

**MESSAGE FROM THE
TEXAS COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS**

The following message from the Comptroller was read and was referred to the Committee on Nominations:

June 12, 2017

The Honorable Greg Abbott, Governor
The Honorable Dan Patrick, Lieutenant Governor
The Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House
Members of the Texas Senate

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Section 2116.003, Texas Government Code, the Texas Bullion Depository is "administered as a division of the office of the comptroller and under the direction and supervision of a bullion depository administrator appointed by the comptroller."

Today I am appointing Tom Smelker as Administrator of the Texas Bullion Depository. Tom is currently the Director of Treasury Operations for the Comptroller's office. He has nearly 30 years of experience with the state treasury and is responsible for designing and administering many of the programs and systems our treasury relies upon today. Tom has worked on the bullion depository legislation since the iteration of the proposal from the 83rd Legislative Session. As the Depository Administrator, Tom will administer, supervise, and direct the operations and affairs of the depository and depository agents.

If you have questions or need additional information concerning this appointment, please contact Phillip Ashley, Associate Deputy Comptroller for Fiscal Matters, in my office at 512-463-4275.

Sincerely,

/s/Glenn Hegar

CONCLUSION OF MORNING CALL

The President at 1:26 p.m. announced the conclusion of morning call.

ANNIVERSARY WISHES EXTENDED

The President, on behalf of the Senate, extended anniversary wishes to his wife, Jan.

SENATE BILL 20 ON SECOND READING

The President laid before the Senate **SB 20** by Senator Taylor of Collin at this time on its second reading:

SB 20, Relating to the continuation and sunset review of certain governmental entities subject to abolishment on September 1, 2017.

The bill was read second time.

Senator Taylor of Collin offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 1

Amend **SB 20** (senate committee printing) as follows:

(1) In the caption to the bill, strike "the continuation and sunset review of certain governmental entities subject to abolishment" and substitute "avoiding the abolishment of certain agencies subject to the Texas Sunset Act".

(2) Strike Section 6 of the bill, adding Section 325.0128, Government Code.

(3) Renumber the SECTIONS of the bill accordingly.

The amendment to **SB 20** was read and was adopted by a viva voce vote.

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

SB 20 as amended was passed to engrossment by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

SENATE BILL 60 ON SECOND READING

The President laid before the Senate **SB 60** by Senator Taylor of Collin at this time on its second reading:

SB 60, Relating to the repeal of certain riders for the Texas Medical Board and the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists from the General Appropriations Act that are contingent upon the approval of certain Acts continuing those agencies during the 85th Regular Session.

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

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 6

On motion of Senator Campbell, Senators Bettencourt and Creighton will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 6**.

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 9

On motion of Senator Hancock, Senators Kolkhorst and Perry will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 9**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 11

On motion of Senator Perry, Senator Kolkhorst will be shown as Co-author of **SB 11**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 15

On motion of Senator Huffines, Senator Hancock will be shown as Co-author of **SB 15**.

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 17

On motion of Senator Kolkhorst, Senators Miles and West will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 17**.

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 20

On motion of Senator Taylor of Collin, Senators Bettencourt, Hall, and Lucio will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 20**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 41

On motion of Senator Rodríguez, Senator Uresti will be shown as Co-author of **SB 41**.

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 60

On motion of Senator Taylor of Collin, Senators Bettencourt and Hall will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 60**.

RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION

The following resolutions were adopted by the Senate:

Memorial Resolutions

SR 23 by Hughes, In memory of Clifford Lawrence Barlow.

SR 24 by Watson, In memory of Bakari Jaward Henderson.

SR 26 by Lucio, In memory of Elena Richardson.

SR 29 by Lucio, In memory of Moises Vicente Vela Sr.

SR 30 by Lucio, In memory of Emily Irene Hamrick Harding.

SR 32 by Lucio, In memory of Robert A. Torres Sr.

SR 33 by Lucio, In memory of Ray Ramón.

SR 34 by Lucio, In memory of Baltazar Salazar Sr.

Congratulatory Resolutions

SR 25 by Lucio, Recognizing Maria Magdalena Sosa on the occasion of her 80th birthday.

SR 27 by Lucio, Recognizing the Solara Specialty Hospital system for 10 years of service to Cameron County.

SR 28 by Lucio, Recognizing Isauro and Catalina Farias on the occasion of their 66th wedding anniversary.

SR 31 by Lucio, Recognizing Toribio Garza Jr. on the occasion of his retirement.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Senator Whitmire, the Senate at 1:46 p.m. adjourned until 12:01 a.m. tomorrow.

APPENDIX

RESOLUTIONS ENROLLED

July 18, 2017

**SR 1, SR 2, SR 3, SR 4, SR 5, SR 6, SR 7, SR 8, SR 9, SR 10, SR 11, SR 12,
SR 13, SR 14, SR 15, SR 16, SR 17, SR 18, SR 19, SR 20, SR 21, SR 22**

