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PROCEEDINGS

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## THIRD DAY

(Tuesday, January 17, 2017)

The Senate met at 11:00 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, Buckingham, Burton, Campbell, Creighton, Estes, Garcia, Hall, Hancock, Hinojosa, Huffines, Huffman, Hughes, Kolkhorst, Lucio, Menéndez, Miles, Nelson, Nichols, Perry, Schwertner, Seliger, Taylor of Galveston, Taylor of Collin, Uresti, Watson, West, Whitmire, Zaffirini.

Absent-excused: Rodríguez.

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

Major Scott Crosley, Chaplain, Texas Army National Guard, offered the invocation as follows:

Dear Lord, today we pray for productivity, for purpose, and for passion. We ask, Lord, for Your encouragement for those who need it, for Your direction for those who need it, and for Your discernment for those who need it. Your word promises that he who stands firm to the end will be saved. Today, I pray for the leaders in this room that You, Lord, would help them to stand firm in You. Help their dependence to be upon You and their persuasion to reflect You. As it reads in Ephesians, Chapter 3: I pray that out of God's glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His spirit in your inner being. It is in Your powerful and life-giving name that I choose to 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.

## LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

**MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE**

HOUSE CHAMBER

Austin, Texas

Tuesday, January 17, 2017 - 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:****SCR 7**

Whitmire

Sponsor: Kuempel

Granting the legislature permission to adjourn for more than three days during the period beginning on Wednesday, January 11, 2017, and ending on Tuesday, January 17, 2017.

Respectfully,

/s/Robert Haney, Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives

**PHYSICIAN OF THE DAY**

Senator Watson was recognized and presented Dr. Larry Kravitz of Austin as the Physician of the Day.

The Senate welcomed Dr. Kravitz and student, Ruth Abrams, and thanked them for their participation in the Physician of the Day program sponsored by the Texas Academy of Family Physicians.

**GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator Lucio was recognized and introduced to the Senate Francisco García Cabeza de Vaca, Governor of Tamaulipas, Mexico; his wife, Mariana Gómez de García Cabeza de Vaca; and Carlos González Gutiérrez, Consul General of Mexico in Austin.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

**CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 4**

On motion of Senator Perry, Senators Birdwell, Campbell, and Hancock will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 4**.

**CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 6**

On motion of Senator Kolkhorst, Senators Campbell, Hall, and Hughes will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 6**.

**CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 7**

On motion of Senator Bettencourt, Senators Campbell, Menéndez, and Taylor of Galveston will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 7**.

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 9**

On motion of Senator Hancock, Senator Birdwell will be shown as Co-author of **SB 9**.

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 11**

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

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 16**

On motion of Senator Nichols, Senator Birdwell will be shown as Co-author of **SB 16**.

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 20**

On motion of Senator Taylor of Galveston, Senator Hancock will be shown as Co-author of **SB 20**.

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 24**

On motion of Senator Huffman, Senator Birdwell will be shown as Co-author of **SB 24**.

**CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 176**

On motion of Senator Schwertner, Senators Campbell and Perry will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 176**.

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 415**

On motion of Senator Perry, Senator Hughes will be shown as Co-author of **SB 415**.

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 419**

On motion of Senator Kolkhorst, Senator Perry will be shown as Co-author of **SB 419**.

**RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION**

The following resolutions were adopted by the Senate:

**Memorial Resolution**

**SR 11** by Watson, In memory of Jack Crosby.

**Congratulatory Resolutions**

**SR 5** by Schwertner, Recognizing the Sam Houston State University Bearkats football team and head coach K. C. Keeler.

**SR 6** by Schwertner, Commending the state's certified registered nurse anesthetists.

**SR 7** by Schwertner, Recognizing the members of the Chancellor's Student Advisory Council of The Texas A&M University System for their commitment to education.

**SR 8** by Schwertner, Recognizing the members of the Texas Association of Authors for supporting Texas writers and literacy programs.

**SR 10** by Nichols, Recognizing San Jacinto County on the occasion of the signing of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

**SR 12** by Watson, Recognizing Marvin R. "Randy" Billings on the occasion of his retirement.

**SR 13** by Lucio, Recognizing Isauro G. Farias on the occasion of his 87th birthday.

**RECESS**

On motion of Senator Whitmire, the Senate at 11:24 a.m. recessed until 11:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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**APPENDIX**

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**RESOLUTION ENROLLED**

January 11, 2017

**SR 3**