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AUSTIN, TEXAS

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PROCEEDINGS

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**SIXTH DAY**

(Wednesday, January 25, 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, 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.

Major Jeremy Stirm, Deputy Chaplain, Texas Army National Guard, Austin, offered the invocation as follows:

Father God, we are humbled and honored to be able to call upon You this day, humbled that You would hear our prayer and extend Your grace and mercy upon us. We are honored to serve in such a land as the United States of America and the State of Texas. Lord, it is good that we pray for the governing authorities. As Your word tells us, Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. (Romans 13:1) In Your providence and governance of Your creation, You have chosen to bestow a measure of authority upon human leaders. For those assembled here this day we ask that You grant them courage, wisdom, and foresight to provide for the needs of all our people. Amid the stress of their responsibilities, grant them a higher perspective. Within the anxiety of their daily duties, let them be reminded of their vocation as political leaders and the high calling to which they aspire. Grant understanding and patience to their families as they, too, endure the long hours and absence of their loved one. God, we are thankful for our governing authorities. May their work be fruitful and may they never tire of striving for truth and goodness. In closing, I offer a prayer for military members of all branches currently deployed around the globe, many perhaps in harm's way at this very moment. We ask that You stretch forth Your arm of protection and be a refuge for those on the field of battle and a never-ending source of strength

for families back home keeping the home fires burning. Father, You are good and gracious, and it is in Your holy and merciful name that I do 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.

### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

HOUSE CHAMBER

Austin, Texas

Wednesday, January 25, 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:

**HCR 50** Smithee

Inviting the chief justice of the Supreme Court of Texas to address a joint session of the legislature on February 1, 2017.

**SCR 10** Whitmire Sponsor: Smithee

Granting the legislature permission to adjourn for more than three days during the period beginning on Wednesday, January 25, 2017, and ending on Monday, January 30, 2017.

Respectfully,

/s/Robert Haney, Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives

### MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following Message from the Governor was read and was referred to the Committee on Nominations:

January 25, 2017  
Austin, Texas

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

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

To be the Executive Commissioner of Health and Human Services, effective February 1, 2017, for a term to expire February 1, 2019:

Charles R. Smith, Jr.  
Austin, Texas  
(Commissioner Smith is being reappointed)

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/Greg Abbott  
Governor

**(Senator Estes in Chair)**

**PHYSICIAN OF THE DAY**

Senator Buckingham was recognized and presented Dr. Karen Cornett of Fredericksburg as the Physician of the Day.

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

**GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator Menéndez was recognized and introduced to the Senate Eva's Heroes Inaugural Lobby Day delegation, accompanied by Co-founder Christiane Perkins-Garcia and Executive Director Shawne Zakaria.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 54**

Senator Zaffirini offered the following resolution:

**SR 54**, Recognizing January 25, 2017, as Laredo Legislative Day.

The resolution was read and was adopted without objection.

**GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator Zaffirini was recognized and introduced to the Senate a City of Laredo delegation, accompanied by Mayor Pete Saenz; City Councilmembers George Altgelt, Vidal Rodríguez, Nelly Vielma, Rudy Gonzalez Jr., Alejandro Perez Jr., Alberto Torres Jr., and Charlie San Miguel; and Juan Narvaez.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

**GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator Zaffirini was again recognized and introduced to the Senate a Washington's Birthday Celebration Association delegation, accompanied by Douglas Blair Howland, Linda Lopez Howland, Ayssa Lizbeth Gonzalez, Ella Alessandra Gonzalez, William Joseph Palumbo III, Cassandra Cabrera Zamudio, Mateo Cañamar Morales, and President Eddie Villarreal.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

**(President in Chair)****GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator Bettencourt was recognized and introduced to the Senate a Texas Bleeding Disorders Coalition delegation.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

**GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator Lucio was recognized and introduced to the Senate a Texas Association for Behavior Analysis delegation.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 50**

The President laid before the Senate the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Section 21.004(a), Government Code, provides: "At a convenient time at the commencement of each regular session of the legislature, the chief justice of the supreme court shall deliver a written or oral state of the judiciary message evaluating the accessibility of the courts to the citizens of the state and the future directions and needs of the courts of the state."; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the 85th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, That the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Texas meet in Joint Session in the Hall of the House of Representatives for that purpose on Wednesday, February 1, 2017, at 11:00 a.m.; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Honorable Nathan L. Hecht, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas, be, and is hereby, invited to address the Regular Session of the 85th Legislature in Joint Session at that time.

HUFFMAN

**HCR 50** was read.

On motion of Senator Huffman, the resolution was considered immediately and was adopted by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

**INTRODUCTION OF  
BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS POSTPONED**

The President 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.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

On motion of Senator Whitmire and by unanimous consent, the Senate at 11:33 a.m. agreed to adjourn, in memory of Carolyn Jones, upon completion of the introduction of bills and resolutions on first reading, until 2:00 p.m. Monday, January 30, 2017.

**(Senator Uresti in Chair)****SENATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING**

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

**SB 14** by Taylor of Collin, Bettencourt, Birdwell, Buckingham, Creighton, Hall, Hancock, Huffines, Huffman, Hughes, Kolkhorst, Lucio, Nelson, Nichols, Perry, Rodriguez, Schwertner, Seliger, Watson, West, Whitmire  
Relating to the ethics of public officers and related requirements; creating criminal offenses.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 101** by Hall

Relating to commissioned security officers employed by the board of trustees of a school district.

To Committee on Education.

**SB 102** by Hall

Relating to general officers within the state military department.

To Committee on Veteran Affairs and Border Security.

**SB 103** by Hall

Relating to the provision of bags to customers of a business at the point of sale.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 104** by Hall

Relating to prohibiting certain physician questions regarding firearms.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 105** by Hall

Relating to abolishing the Pan American Games trust fund, Olympic Games trust fund, Major Events reimbursement program fund, Motor Sports Racing trust fund, and Events trust fund.

To Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development.

**SB 106** by Hall

Relating to criminal offenses applicable to gambling devices, including eight-liners.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 107** by Hall

Relating to rules adopted by the Texas Ethics Commission relating to lobbyists or the reporting of political contributions or expenditures.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 108** by Hall

Relating to increasing the punishment for certain felony offenses committed by a person who is unlawfully present in the United States.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 109** by Huffines

Relating to the establishment of a limit on the number of terms a judge or justice may serve on a court in this state.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 110** by Huffines

Relating to term limits for elected officers of political subdivisions.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 111** by Huffines

Relating to prohibiting the use of photographic traffic enforcement systems.

To Committee on Transportation.

**SB 112** by Huffines

Relating to the decrease of the rates of the franchise tax under certain circumstances and the expiration of that tax.

To Committee on Finance.

**SB 113** by Huffines

Relating to the provision of and local regulation of certain for-hire passenger transportation.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 114** by Huffines

Relating to Texas Department of Transportation expenditures for toll facility acquisition and construction.

To Committee on Transportation.

**SB 115** by Huffines

Relating to the Internet broadcast of certain open meetings.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 116** by Huffines

Relating to the Internet broadcast of open meetings of the Texas Racing Commission.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 117** by Huffines

Relating to the Internet broadcast of open meetings of the Texas Workforce Commission.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 118** by Huffines

Relating to the Internet broadcast of open meetings of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 119** by Huffines

Relating to the Internet broadcast of open meetings of the Texas Lottery Commission.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 120** by Huffines

Relating to the Internet broadcast of open meetings of the Texas Medical Board.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 121** by Huffines

Relating to the Internet broadcast of open meetings of the Texas Board of Nursing.  
To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 122** by Huffines

Relating to the Internet broadcast of open meetings of the Texas Optometry Board.  
To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 123** by Huffines

Relating to the Internet broadcast of open meetings of the State Board of Dental Examiners.  
To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 124** by Huffines

Relating to the Internet broadcast of open meetings of the Texas State Board of Pharmacy.  
To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 125** by Huffines

Relating to the Internet broadcast of open meetings of the Texas Funeral Service Commission.  
To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 126** by Huffines

Relating to the Internet broadcast of open meetings of the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners.  
To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 127** by Huffines

Relating to the Internet broadcast of open meetings of the Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying.  
To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 128** by Garcia

Relating to a required training course on human trafficking for commercial driver's license applicants.  
To Committee on Transportation.

**SB 129** by Garcia

Relating to a sales and use tax exemption for certain feminine hygiene products.  
To Committee on Finance.

**SB 130** by Creighton

Relating to the computation of the franchise tax.  
To Committee on Finance.

**SB 131** 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 132** by Creighton

Relating to the savings incentive program for state agencies.

To Committee on Finance.

**SB 133** by Creighton

Relating to an exemption from the sales tax for firearms and hunting supplies for a limited period.

To Committee on Finance.

**SB 134** by Creighton

Relating to state contracts with and investments in companies that boycott Israel.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 135** by Taylor of Collin

Relating to the submission of a report by certain entities identifying spending reduction measures.

To Committee on Finance.

**SB 136** by Taylor of Collin

Relating to the verification of citizenship of an applicant for voter registration.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 137** by Taylor of Collin

Relating to lobbying activities engaged in by state employees.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 138** by Taylor of Collin

Relating to the exemption from range instruction for certain persons applying to obtain a license to carry a handgun.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 139** by Taylor of Collin

Relating to the applicability of adverse licensing, listing, or registration decisions by certain health and human services agencies.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 140** by Taylor of Collin

Relating to the criminal penalties for insider trading and other misuse of official information by public servants.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 141** by Taylor of Collin

Relating to eligibility for a TEXAS grant.

To Committee on Higher Education.

**SB 142** by Taylor of Collin

Relating to the determination of cost of goods sold for purposes of computing the franchise tax.

To Committee on Finance.

**SB 143** by Garcia

Relating to the provision of the reason for rejecting a voter registration application.

To Committee on State Affairs.



**SB 144** by Garcia

Relating to the use of a mobile phone by a person occupying a voting station.  
To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 145** by Garcia

Relating to a voter education program for high school seniors.  
To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 146** by Garcia

Relating to automatic update of voter registration on issuance or change of a driver's license or identification card by the Department of Public Safety.  
To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 147** by Garcia

Relating to automatic voter registration on issuance or change of a driver's license or identification card by the Department of Public Safety.  
To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 148** by Garcia

Relating to eligibility to serve as an interpreter in an election.  
To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 149** by Garcia

Relating to the eligibility of certain persons younger than 18 years of age to preregister to vote.  
To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 150** by Garcia

Relating to the eligibility of certain persons younger than 18 years of age to preregister to vote.  
To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 151** by Bettencourt

Relating to voter approval of obligations for certain municipal liabilities to a public pension fund.  
To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 152** by Bettencourt

Relating to municipal control of certain public retirement systems established for the benefit of municipal employees.  
To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 153** by Bettencourt

Relating to acceptable forms of identification for voting for certain persons.  
To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 154** by Hinojosa

Relating to the establishment by the Texas Workforce Commission of a career and technical education workforce specialist pilot program.  
To Committee on Education.

**SB 155** by Hinojosa

Relating to cardiac assessments of participants in extracurricular athletic activities sponsored or sanctioned by the University Interscholastic League.

To Committee on Education.

**SB 156** by Hinojosa

Relating to criminal asset forfeiture proceedings.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 157** by Hinojosa, Rodríguez

Relating to certain statutory changes to reflect same-sex marriages, including the repeal of the statutory prohibition against the recognition of a civil union or similar relationship entered into in another state between two persons of the same sex.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 158** by Hinojosa

Relating to the creation of an open burn pit registry for certain service members and veterans.

To Committee on Veteran Affairs and Border Security.

**SB 159** by Hinojosa

Relating to excepting certain appropriations from computations regarding the constitutional limitation on the rate of growth of appropriations.

To Committee on Finance.

**SB 160** by Rodríguez

Relating to a prohibition of a monitoring system performance indicator based on the number or percentage of students receiving special education services.

To Committee on Education.

**SB 161** by Rodríguez

Relating to the bilingual education allotment provided under the public school finance system.

To Committee on Education.

**SB 162** by Rodríguez

Relating to a sales and use tax exemption for certain feminine hygiene products.

To Committee on Finance.

**SB 163** by Rodríguez

Relating to covered benefits under the child health plan.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 164** by Rodríguez

Relating to the capacity of certain minors to consent to examination or medical treatment related to childbirth and contraception.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 165** by Rodríguez, Garcia, Hinojosa, Whitmire

Relating to the prohibition of certain discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression; providing an administrative penalty; creating an offense.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 166** by Rodríguez, Garcia, Whitmire

Relating to the repeal of the offense of homosexual conduct.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 167** by Rodríguez

Relating to the registration of voters at a polling place during early voting by personal appearance and related procedures.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 168** by Rodríguez

Relating to the operations of the Department of Public Safety, Parks and Wildlife Department, and state military forces in the border region.

To Committee on Veteran Affairs and Border Security.

**SB 169** 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 State Affairs.

**SB 170** by Rodríguez

Relating to a civil action to collect a civil penalty for possession of certain small amounts of marihuana and an exception to prosecution for possession of associated drug paraphernalia.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 171** by Huffines

Relating to the Internet broadcast of open meetings of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 172** by Nichols

Relating to the limitation on increases in the appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem taxation.

To Committee on Finance.

**SB 173** by Campbell

Relating to the uniform election date.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 174** by Campbell

Relating to inclusion of a course on the founding principles of the United States in the curriculum requirements for public high school students and the posting of the founding documents of the United States in public school buildings.

To Committee on Education.

**SB 175** by Nichols

Relating to the eligibility of land owned by certain members of the armed services of the United States for appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes as qualified open-space land.

To Committee on Finance.

**SB 176** by Schwertner

Relating to the regulation of transportation network companies; requiring an occupational permit; authorizing a fee.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 177** by Taylor of Collin

Relating to unit operations for oil, gas, or oil and gas production from depleting reservoirs or carbon dioxide storage; authorizing a fee.

To Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development.

**SB 178** by Estes

Relating to the repeal of the franchise tax.

To Committee on Finance.

**SB 179** by Menéndez, Zaffirini

Relating to student harassment, bullying, cyberbullying, injury to or death of a minor; creating a criminal offense.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 180** by Menéndez, Zaffirini

Relating to student harassment, bullying, and cyberbullying.

To Committee on Education.

**SB 181** by Menéndez, Zaffirini

Relating to civil liability for bullying of a child.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 182** by Menéndez, Zaffirini

Relating to the availability of certain pre-suit discovery in connection with a claim involving injury to or death of a minor.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 183** by Uresti

Relating to the distribution, possession, purchase, consumption, and receipt of cigarettes, e-cigarettes, and tobacco products; providing penalties.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 184** by Uresti

Relating to an exemption from the motor vehicle use tax for motor vehicles brought into this state by certain current or former military personnel.

To Committee on Finance.

**SB 185** by Uresti

Relating to electronic voter registration.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 186** by Uresti

Relating to automatic voter registration on issuance or change of a driver's license or identification card by the Department of Public Safety.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 187** by Uresti

Relating to the eligibility of certain persons younger than 18 years of age to preregister to vote.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 188** by Uresti

Relating to civil or criminal liability for transporting in, confining in, or removing from a motor vehicle certain animals.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 189** by Uresti

Relating to notice of an application for a permit to drill certain injection wells within a certain distance of a groundwater conservation district.

To Committee on Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs.

**SB 190** by Uresti

Relating to the effective management of caseloads in the investigation of child abuse or neglect reports by the Department of Family and Protective Services.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 191** by Garcia

Relating to the ability of a nonexempt employee to participate in certain academic, disciplinary, college and career readiness, and developmental activities of the employee's child or grandchild.

To Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development.

**SB 192** by Garcia

Relating to a comprehensive review by the Texas Education Agency of weights, allotments, and adjustments under the public school finance system.

To Committee on Education.

**SB 193** by Garcia

Relating to Texas community schools.

To Committee on Education.

**SB 194** by Garcia

Relating to the use of seat belts on buses that transport schoolchildren.

To Committee on Education.

**SB 195** by Garcia

Relating to funding under the transportation allotment for public school students subject to a high risk of violence while walking to school.

To Committee on Education.

**SB 196** by Garcia

Relating to a notification requirement if a public school, including an open-enrollment charter school, does not have a nurse, school counselor, or librarian assigned to the school during all instructional hours.

To Committee on Education.

**SB 197** by Nichols

Relating to the authority of general-law municipalities to restrict sex offenders from child safety zones in the municipality.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 198** by Campbell

Relating to voting eligibility requirements for members of a metropolitan planning organization policy board.

To Committee on Transportation.

**SB 199** by Campbell

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

To Committee on Education.

**SB 200** by Campbell

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

To Committee on Finance.

**SB 201** by Campbell

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

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

**SB 202** by West

Relating to inclusion of instruction regarding interaction with peace officers in the required curriculum for ninth grade public school students and to civilian interaction training for peace officers.

To Committee on Education.

**SB 203** by West

Relating to removing the deadline for the Department of Family and Protective Services to enter into permanency care assistance agreements.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 204** 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 205** by West

Relating to eligibility for supplemental financial assistance provided to certain grandparents.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 206** by West

Relating to certain criminal offenses concerning the unlawful transfer or purchase of certain weapons; increasing a criminal penalty.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 207** by West

Relating to eligibility for compensation of persons wrongfully imprisoned.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 208** by West

Relating to the regulation of metal recycling entities; providing an administrative penalty; creating a criminal offense.

To Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development.

**SB 209** by West

Relating to the reapportionment of congressional districts and the creation, function, and duties of the Texas Congressional Redistricting Commission.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 210** by Kolkhorst

Relating to the required repeal or amendment of two state agency rules before adoption of a new state agency rule that increases costs to regulated persons.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 211** by Menéndez

Relating to the eligibility of a relative or other designated caregiver of a foster child for monetary assistance.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 212** by Menéndez

Relating to the ability of certain relative caretakers of dependent children to receive supplemental financial assistance and be assigned as protective payees for financial assistance payments.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 213** by Menéndez

Relating to the office of independent ombudsman for the Department of Family and Protective Services.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 214** by Menéndez

Relating to a prohibition of a monitoring system performance indicator based on the number or percentage of students receiving special education services.

To Committee on Education.

**SB 215** by Menéndez

Relating to limiting certain state-required assessment instruments administered to public school students in certain grades to assessments required by federal law.

To Committee on Education.

**SB 216** by Menéndez

Relating to the salary paid to classroom teachers employed by public schools.  
To Committee on Education.

**SB 217** by Menéndez

Relating to a supplemental payment for retirees of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas and the unfunded actuarial liabilities allowed under that system.  
To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 218** by Menéndez

Relating to a cost-of-living adjustment applicable to certain benefits paid by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.  
To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 219** by Menéndez

Relating to the state contribution to the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.  
To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 220** by Menéndez

Relating to the offense involving the carrying of handguns by license holders on the premises of certain mental health facilities.  
To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 221** by Menéndez

Relating to prohibiting the transfer of a firearm to a person listed in the terrorist screening database maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.  
To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 222** by Menéndez

Relating to designating June as Gun Violence Awareness Month.  
To Committee on Administration.

**SB 223** by Menéndez

Relating to unlawful employment practices regarding discrimination in payment of compensation.  
To Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development.

**SB 224** by Watson

Relating to the sunset review date for the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas and the time for awarding cancer research and prevention grants.  
To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SJR 1** by Campbell, Menéndez, Uresti, Zaffirini

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a first responder who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty.  
To Committee on Finance.



**SJR 2** by Birdwell, Bettencourt, Campbell, Creighton, Hancock, Huffines, Perry, Seliger, Taylor of Galveston

Applying to the Congress of the United States to call a convention under Article V of the United States Constitution for the limited purpose of proposing one or more amendments to the constitution to impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, to limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and to limit the terms of office of federal officials and members of Congress.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SJR 6** by Zaffirini

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to require a court to provide notice to the attorney general of a challenge to the constitutionality of a state statute and authorizing the legislature to prescribe a waiting period before the court may enter a judgment holding the statute unconstitutional.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SJR 7** by Hall

Proposing a constitutional amendment regarding the execution or enforcement of federal laws that violate the Bill of Rights of the Texas Constitution.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SJR 8** by Hall

Proposing a constitutional amendment denying bail to certain persons who are unlawfully present in the United States and are taken into custody for committing a felony.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SJR 9** by Hall

Proposing a constitutional amendment guaranteeing the right to life of unborn children and prohibiting abortion to the extent authorized under federal constitutional law.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SJR 10** by Huffines

Proposing a constitutional amendment to limit the time that a person may serve as a member of the Texas Legislature.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SJR 11** by Huffines

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

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SJR 12** by Huffines

Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the establishment of limits on the number of terms judges and justices may serve on courts in this state.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SJR 13** by Huffines

Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring a political subdivision of this state to limit the number of terms for which a person may be elected to hold an office of the political subdivision.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SJR 14** 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 15** by Hinojosa

Proposing a constitutional amendment excepting certain appropriations for reducing state debt from the constitutional limitation on the rate of growth of appropriations.

To Committee on Finance.

**CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 6**

On motion of Senator Kolkhorst, Senators Bettencourt, Buckingham, Estes, Huffines, and Taylor of Galveston will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 6**.

**CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 8**

On motion of Senator Schwertner, Senators Buckingham, Burton, Nichols, and Taylor of Galveston will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 8**.

**CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 11**

On motion of Senator Schwertner, Senators Burton and Taylor of Galveston will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 11**.

**CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 12**

On motion of Senator West, Senators Buckingham, Nichols, and Perry will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 12**.

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 16**

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

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 22**

On motion of Senator Taylor of Galveston, Senator Watson will be shown as Co-author of **SB 22**.

**CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 23**

On motion of Senator Schwertner, Senators Buckingham and Nichols will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 23**.

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 176**

On motion of Senator Schwertner, Senator Hughes will be shown as Co-author of **SB 176**.

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 250**

On motion of Senator Schwertner, Senator Campbell will be shown as Co-author of **SB 250**.

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 488**

On motion of Senator Bettencourt, Senator Burton will be shown as Co-author of **SB 488**.

**RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION**

The following resolutions were adopted by the Senate:

**Congratulatory Resolutions**

**SR 53** by Zaffirini, Recognizing the members of the Washington's Birthday Celebration Association on the occasion of its 120th birthday celebration.

**SR 57** by Watson, Recognizing Regina L. Parker on the occasion of her retirement.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Pursuant to a previously adopted motion, the Senate at 12:06 p.m. adjourned, in memory of Carolyn Jones, until 2:00 p.m. Monday, January 30, 2017.

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**APPENDIX**

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**RESOLUTIONS ENROLLED**

January 24, 2017

**SR 20, SR 36, SR 37, SR 38, SR 39, SR 40, SR 41, SR 42, SR 43, SR 44, SR 45, SR 46, SR 47, SR 48, SR 49, SR 50, SR 51, SR 52**

