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PROCEEDINGS

TWELFTH DAY

(Wednesday, February 8, 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 Jeremy Stirm, Deputy Chaplain, Texas Army National Guard, Austin, offered the invocation as follows:

Almighty creator, You have positioned the planets and the stars in their heavenly places. You have established the mountains and carved canyons, and You have set the boundaries for the oceans. We are humbled and grateful for Your continued care over Your creation. In Your providence You have set earthly leaders before us. For the leaders assembled here this day, we pray that You guide them in being honest and able leaders. Strengthen them in their efforts to lead this people and to eliminate oppression that peace may prevail with righteousness, and justice with order. Grant them keenness of mind and subtlety, prudence, and discernment in navigating the complexities of our world. May You guide the beginning of their work, direct its progress, and bring it to completion. You who are true God and true man, who live and reign, world without end. 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 illness.

PHYSICIAN OF THE DAY

Senator Nichols was recognized and presented Dr. Ron McMurry of Jasper as the Physician of the Day.

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

**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.

SENATE RESOLUTION 145

Senator Taylor of Galveston offered the following resolution:

SR 145, Recognizing February 8, 2017, as Communities In Schools Day.

The resolution was read and was adopted without objection.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Taylor of Galveston, joined by Senators Uresti, Huffman, Campbell, and Menéndez, was recognized and introduced to the Senate a Communities In Schools Day delegation.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Campbell, joined by Senator Buckingham, was recognized and introduced to the Senate a 4-H Day delegation, accompanied by 4-H members from Senate Districts 25 and 24.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

SENATE RESOLUTION 115

Senator Lucio offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Bobby Joe Morrow, who has been named the 2016 Texas Legend for the Eddie Lucio Scholarship Fund; and

WHEREAS, A native of Harlingen, Bobby Morrow was in the 1950s a world-renowned sprinter and an Olympian; he began his athletic career as a football player at San Benito High School and later was a track-and-field athlete at Abilene Christian College; and

WHEREAS, In 1955, he won the Amateur Athletic Union 100-yard title, and he defended his title the following year, when he won the sprint double in the national college championships; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Morrow was the leader of the American sprint team at the 1956 Summer Olympics; he gained global recognition at the event when he earned the gold medal in the 100-meter dash; he led the American sweep of medals in the

200-meter dash and earned his third gold medal by anchoring the 4x100-meter relay team to a world-record finish; in recognition of his accomplishments, *Sports Illustrated* named him the 1956 Sportsman of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Morrow is a revered Texan who has been honored for his numerous accomplishments; in October of 2006, San Benito High School named its new sports stadium in his honor, and in 2016, he was inducted into the Texas Track and Field Coaches Hall of Fame; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commend Bobby Joe Morrow for his outstanding athletic career and congratulate him on being named the 2016 Texas Legend for the Eddie Lucio Scholarship Fund; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

SR 115 was read and was adopted without objection.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Lucio was recognized and introduced to the Senate Bobby Joe Morrow, Vicki Watson, Ron Morrow, Lynn Zanca, and Elizabeth Kelton.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

REMARKS ORDERED PRINTED

On motion of Senator Lucio and by unanimous consent, his remarks regarding **SR 115** were ordered reduced to writing and printed in the *Senate Journal* as follows:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members. For the past 23 years, I have had the privilege of presenting students from Senate District 27 with scholarships from the Eddie Lucio Scholarship Fund. Each year, the scholarship fund is proud to include participation from a Texan of notable and distinguished achievement, a true Texas legend, an American legend. Bobby Joe Morrow joins the ranks of sports hall of famers, university chancellors, and notable actors in being named the 2016 Texas Legend. Mr. Morrow is a three-time Olympic Gold Medalist, and although modern athletes can claim faster times, Mr. Morrow has the finest competitive record of any man in the history of sprinting and is unquestionably one of the greatest sprinters, athletes of all time. He's joined by his family on the floor today, son, Ron Morrow, and daughters, Elizabeth Kelton, Vicki Watson, and Lynn Zanca. He also has family on the south side of the gallery, and I just want to say that this is probably going to be one of the most memorable moments of my life. This gentleman was born just a few miles away where I was born in the Rio Grande Valley in San Benito, Texas, lived in Harlingen, the home of another guy by the name Bill Haley and the Comets, I think. But Bobby Morrow right now, to me, is one of the greatest Texans I have ever met in my whole life of 71 years. So, please help me welcome him and his family, those in the gallery, with a big Texas Senate welcome.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Uresti was recognized and introduced to the Senate a Uvalde High School delegation.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

SENATE RESOLUTION 124

Senator Hinojosa offered the following resolution:

SR 124, Recognizing February 8, 2017, as Coastal Bend Day.

HINOJOSA
KOLKHORST
LUCIO
ZAFFIRINI

The resolution was read and was adopted without objection.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Hinojosa, joined by Senators Lucio, Zaffirini, and Kolkhorst, was recognized and introduced to the Senate a Coastal Bend Day delegation, accompanied by President and CEO of United Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce Annette Medlin, Chair-elect of United Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce Alan Wilson, Port of Corpus Christi Commissioner Wayne Squires, City of Corpus Christi Councilmember Rudy Garza, and Nueces County Commissioner John Marez.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Seliger was recognized and introduced to the Senate a Winkler County delegation.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

SENATE RESOLUTION 141

Senator Huffman offered the following resolution:

SR 141, Recognizing February 8, 2017, as Mental Illness Awareness Day.

HUFFMAN
WATSON

The resolution was read and was adopted without objection.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Huffman, joined by Senator Watson, was recognized and introduced to the Senate a Mental Illness Awareness Day delegation, accompanied by Debra Atkisson, Jennifer Lucy, Colette Duciaume-Wright, Leah Thedford, and Yvonne Broach.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Hughes was recognized and introduced to the Senate Texas All State Choir member Hailey Vestal, accompanied by White Oak High School choir directors Ruthie Hughes and Krystal Kirkland.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Lucio was recognized and introduced to the Senate a Leadership Mid Valley delegation.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING CALL

The President at 11:41 a.m. announced the conclusion of morning call.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Huffman was recognized and introduced to the Senate an Academic Language Therapy Association delegation.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 4 ON THIRD READING**

Senator Perry moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 4** at this time on its third reading and final passage:

CSSB 4, Relating to the enforcement by certain state and local governmental entities and campus police departments of state and federal laws governing immigration and to related duties of certain law enforcement and judicial entities in the criminal justice system; providing civil and criminal penalties.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 20, Nays 10.

Yeas: Bettencourt, Birdwell, Buckingham, Burton, Campbell, Creighton, Estes, Hall, Hancock, Huffines, Huffman, Hughes, Kolkhorst, Nelson, Nichols, Perry, Schwertner, Seliger, Taylor of Galveston, Taylor of Collin.

Nays: Garcia, Hinojosa, Lucio, Menéndez, Miles, Uresti, Watson, West, Whitmire, Zaffirini.

Absent-excused: Rodríguez.

The bill was read third time.

Question: Shall **CSSB 4** be finally passed?

REMARKS ORDERED PRINTED

Senator Menéndez moved that all remarks regarding **SB 4** be ordered reduced to writing and printed in the *Senate Journal*.

Senator Menéndez withdrew the motion.

REMARKS ORDERED PRINTED

On motion of Senator Menéndez and by unanimous consent, the remarks regarding **SB 4** prior to suspension of the regular order of business were ordered reduced to writing.

The remarks are printed in an addendum to the Tuesday, February 7, 2017, *Senate Journal*.

Question: Shall **CSSB 4** be finally passed?

CSSB 4 was finally passed by the following vote: Yeas 20, Nays 10.

Yeas: Bettencourt, Birdwell, Buckingham, Burton, Campbell, Creighton, Estes, Hall, Hancock, Huffines, Huffman, Hughes, Kolkhorst, Nelson, Nichols, Perry, Schwertner, Seliger, Taylor of Galveston, Taylor of Collin.

Nays: Garcia, Hinojosa, Lucio, Menéndez, Miles, Uresti, Watson, West, Whitmire, Zaffirini.

Absent-excused: Rodríguez.

STATEMENT REGARDING SENATE BILL 4

Senator Rodríguez submitted the following statement regarding **SB 4**:

Due to a medical emergency, I was unable to participate today when Senate Bill 4 passed on third reading. The following are statements I would have made on the Senate floor.

S.B. 4 places an unfair burden on local officials, including District and County Attorneys, Sheriffs, Police Chiefs, Mayors, and special district managers by requiring them to choose between their understanding of federal law – and in the case of El Paso, violating the terms of a federal settlement agreement – or violating state law.

S.B. 4 is not a community safety bill. In fact, S.B. 4 risks proven, lawful, and locally-determined public safety strategies. El Paso consistently ranks the safest city for its size in the U.S., a ranking due in large part to local law enforcement agencies that have fostered a trust-based relationship with the immigrant community. S.B. 4 hinders that relationship.

This is not unique to El Paso. Violent crime remains at historically low levels. This is particularly true in immigrant communities, which have a lower-than-average crime rate as compared to the overall rate in Texas.

There is another negative effect that is specific to my community. If enacted, S.B. 4 would severely penalize local governments by requiring that they forfeit all state grant funds for adopting policies that might be construed as prohibiting enforcement of federal immigration law.

In a settlement agreement entered in federal court in 2006, El Paso County agreed not to enforce federal immigration law. Under the court-entered agreement, El Paso County trains and supervises its deputies to enforce Texas criminal law, but not to detain or question victims, suspects, or witnesses regarding their immigration status. The author of the bill acknowledged that this puts El Paso County at risk of violating either the federal settlement agreement or state law, yet did not accept an amendment that would resolve the dilemma.

Furthermore, El Paso County, like every other county in Texas, is liable in federal court under 42 U.S.C. §1983, for each civil rights violation committed during police-citizen encounters. By burdening the officer on the street with decisions that they are not trained to make, this bill essentially makes every commissioned officer a policymaker and makes their respective jurisdictions legally responsible for every possible violation of federal law.

For these and other reasons, 1,142 of the 1,152 people who registered a position on S.B. 4 at the Senate State Affairs Committee hearing on Thursday, Feb. 2, were opposed, and so were 592 of the 606 who signed up to testify. From all walks of life, including students, business, labor, immigrants, legal experts, civil rights leaders, faith-based leaders, and law enforcement, they were resoundingly clear that the Texas Legislature should reject this legislation. I am proud to stand with them against the politics of fear.

S.B. 4 is not about public safety, it is about using the law to express distrust of immigrant communities, a theme that starts with the new presidential regime and is being conveyed by the Texas Legislature.

RODRÍGUEZ

(Senator Seliger in Chair)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

HOUSE CHAMBER

Austin, Texas

Wednesday, February 8, 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 60

Anderson, Rodney

Congratulating Andrew Anderson of Grand Prairie on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

Respectfully,

/s/Robert Haney, Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

SENATE BILL 500 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Taylor of Collin and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **SB 500** at this time (Submitted by Governor as an emergency matter):

SB 500, Relating to the effect of certain felony convictions of public elected officers.

The bill was read second time.

Senator Zaffirini offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 1

Amend **SB 500** (senate committee printing) in SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 810.002(b)(2), Government Code (page 1, line 45), by striking "held" and substituting "was elected or appointed to".

The amendment to **SB 500** 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 except as follows:

Absent-excused: Rodríguez.

Senator Lucio offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 2

Amend **SB 500** (senate committee printing) as follows:

(1) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 810.002(f), Government Code (page 2, line 8), strike "January 8, 2019," and substitute "the effective date of this subsection".

(2) Strike SECTION 4 of the bill (page 2, line 40) and substitute the following:

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

LUCIO
TAYLOR OF COLLIN
ZAFFIRINI

The amendment to **SB 500** 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. 2 except as follows:

Absent-excused: Rodríguez.

Senator Zaffirini offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 3

Amend **SB 500** (senate committee printing) as follows:

(1) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill:

SECTION _____. Article 42.01, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Section 12 to read as follows:

Sec. 12. In addition to the information described by Section 1, the judgment should reflect affirmative findings entered pursuant to Article 42.0196.

SECTION _____. Chapter 42, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Article 42.0196 to read as follows:

Art. 42.0196. FINDING REGARDING OFFENSE RELATED TO PERFORMANCE OF PUBLIC SERVICE. (a) In the trial of an offense described by Section 810.002, Government Code, the judge shall make an affirmative finding of fact and enter the affirmative finding in the judgment in the case if the judge determines that the defendant is:

(1) a member of the elected class described by Section 810.002(b)(1), Government Code, while a member of the Employees Retirement System of Texas; or

(2) a holder of an elected office for which the defendant wholly or partly became eligible for membership in a public retirement system.

(b) A judge who makes the affirmative finding described by this article shall make the determination and provide the notice required by Section 810.002(k), Government Code.

(2) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 810.002(d), Government Code (page 1, line 52), between "system" and "shall", insert ", on receipt of notice of a conviction under Subsection (e) or (k), any similar notice of a conviction of a qualifying felony from a United States district court or United States attorney, or any other information that the retirement system determines by rule is sufficient to establish a conviction of a qualifying felony,".

(3) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 810.002(d), Government Code (page 1, line 53), between "person" and "ineligible", insert "the system determines is".

(4) In SECTION 1 of the bill, following added Section 810.002(d), Government Code (page 2, between lines 1 and 2), insert the following:

(e) Not later than the 30th day after the conviction of a person of a qualifying felony, the governmental entity to which the person was elected or appointed must provide written notice of the conviction to the public retirement system in which the person is enrolled. The notice must comply with the administrative rules adopted by the public retirement system under Subsection (j).

(5) Reletter remaining subsections of added Section 810.002, Government Code, and cross-references to those subsections as necessary.

(6) In SECTION 1 of the bill, after added Section 810.002(i), Government Code (page 2, between lines 22 and 23), add the following:

(k) A court shall notify the retirement system of the terms of a conviction of a person convicted of an offense described by Subsection (c).

(7) Renumber subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly.

The amendment to **SB 500** 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. 3 except as follows:

Absent-excused: Rodríguez.

SB 500 as amended 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:

Absent-excused: Rodríguez.

SENATE BILL 500 ON THIRD READING

Senator Taylor of Collin moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **SB 500** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Absent-excused: Rodríguez.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0. (Same as previous roll call)

(President in Chair)

SENATE BILL 501 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Taylor of Collin and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **SB 501** at this time (Submitted by Governor as an emergency matter):

SB 501, Relating to the disclosure of certain contracts, services, and compensation in personal financial statements filed by public officers and candidates.

The bill was read second time.

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

Floor Amendment No. 1

Amend **SB 501** (Senate Committee printing) as follows:

(1) In SECTION 1 of the bill, strike added Subsection 572.023(b)(15)(C)(ii), Government Code (page 3, lines 1 through 4), and substitute the following:

(ii) a person who contracts with a governmental entity, if the individual or entity described by Paragraph (B) performs work arising out of the contract, subcontract, or agreement between the person and the governmental entity for a fee; and

The amendment to **SB 501** 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 except as follows:

Absent-excused: Rodríguez.

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

Floor Amendment No. 2

Amend **SB 501** (Senate committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering remaining SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION __. Subchapter B, Chapter 572, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 572.0295 to read as follows:

Sec. 572.0295. AMENDMENT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT. (a) A person who files a financial statement under this chapter may amend the person's statement.

(b) A financial statement that is amended is considered to have been filed on the date on which the original statement was filed if:

(1) the amendment is made on or before the 14th day after the date the person filing the statement learns of an error or omission in the original statement;

(2) the original financial statement was made in good faith and without an intent to mislead or to misrepresent the information contained in the statement; and

(3) the person filing the amendment accompanies the amendment with a declaration that:

(A) the person became aware of the error or omission in the original statement during the preceding 14 days; and

(B) the original statement was made in good faith and without intent to mislead or to misrepresent the information contained in the statement.

The amendment to **SB 501** 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. 2 except as follows:

Absent-excused: Rodríguez.

Senator Uresti offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 3

Amend **SB 501** (senate committee printing) in SECTION 2 of the bill, in amended Section 572.0252, Government Code (page 3, line 34), by inserting the following between "REFERRALS." and "A state":

(a) This section applies only to a referral made to or received from a person if during the period covered by the financial statement the total amount of compensation for all referrals made to or received from that person exceeds \$2,500.

(b)

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TAYLOR OF COLLIN

The amendment to **SB 501** 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. 3 except as follows:

Absent-excused: Rodríguez.

Senator Hinojosa offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 4

Amend **SB 501** (senate committee printing) in SECTION 2 of the bill, in amended Section 572.0252, Government Code (page 3, line 34), by inserting the following between "REFERRALS." and "A state":

(a) In this section, "referral for compensation" means the referral of a legal matter by an attorney to another attorney under which the attorney receiving the compensation is not responsible for performing any legal work relating to the matter. The term does not include compensation for acting as co-counsel, of counsel, or local counsel.

(b)

HINOJOSA
TAYLOR OF COLLIN

The amendment to **SB 501** 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. 4 except as follows:

Absent-excused: Rodríguez.

SB 501 as amended 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:

Absent-excused: Rodríguez.

SENATE BILL 501 ON THIRD READING

Senator Taylor of Collin moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **SB 501** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Absent-excused: Rodríguez.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0. (Same as previous roll call)

MOTION TO ADJOURN

On motion of Senator Whitmire and by unanimous consent, the Senate at 1:24 p.m. agreed to adjourn, in memory of Dimitri Pappas, upon completion of the introduction of bills and resolutions on first reading, until 2:00 p.m. Monday, February 13, 2017.

(Senator Taylor of Galveston in Chair)

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

SB 526 by Birdwell

Relating to the abolishment of certain advisory committees and other entities created to assist or advise state agencies or officers.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 527 by Birdwell

Relating to a defendant's payment of costs associated with a court-appointed counsel.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 528 by Birdwell

Relating to the term of a chief administrative law judge.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 529 by Lucio

Relating to improving training and staff development for primary and secondary educators to enable them to more effectively serve all students.

To Committee on Education.

SB 530 by West

Relating to the authorization of monetary assistance and support services for caregivers of children in parental child safety placements.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 531 by Lucio

Relating to the use of individual graduation committee determinations for certain public school accountability and high school graduation purposes and to the use of other alternative methods for certain high school graduation purposes.

To Committee on Education.

SB 532 by Nelson

Relating to reports on and purchase of information technology by state agencies.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 533 by Nelson

Relating to state agency contracting.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 534 by West

Relating to authorization by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for certain public junior colleges to offer early childhood education baccalaureate degree programs.

To Committee on Higher Education.

SB 536 by Hinojosa

Relating to the punishment for burglary and theft of controlled substances.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 537 by Hinojosa

Relating to requiring the disclosure of special course fees at public institutions of higher education.

To Committee on Higher Education.

SB 538 by Hinojosa

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

To Committee on Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs.

SB 539 by Hinojosa

Relating to the qualifications for an impartial third party in certain civil disputes.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 541 by Hinojosa

Relating to the eligibility for release on parole of certain inmates convicted of the offense of continuous trafficking of persons.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 542 by Bettencourt

Relating to an insurance premium tax credit for contributions made to certain educational assistance organizations.

To Committee on Education.

SB 543 by Seliger

Relating to performance-based tuition limitations for certain public institutions of higher education and a temporary tuition limitation for those institutions.

To Committee on Higher Education.

SB 544 by Lucio

Relating to required training for veterans county service officers and assistant veterans county service officers.

To Committee on Veteran Affairs and Border Security.

SB 545 by Lucio

Relating to information regarding autism spectrum disorders.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 546 by Kolkhorst

Relating to the quality of water provided by public drinking water supply systems to state supported living centers.

To Committee on Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs.

SB 547 by Kolkhorst

Relating to creation of a schedule of support services a state supported living center may provide and procedures for establishing applicable fees for those services.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 548 by Kolkhorst

Relating to liability of certain electric utilities that allow certain uses of land that the electric utility owns, occupies, or leases.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 549 by Kolkhorst

Relating to refunds of certain bingo licensing and registration fees.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 550 by Campbell

Relating to the sale or assignment of tax credits for the certified rehabilitation of certified historic structures.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 551 by Kolkhorst

Relating to inaccurate or incomplete permit applications for solid waste facilities.

To Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development.

SB 552 by Kolkhorst

Relating to health benefit plan coverage of hearing aids and cochlear implants for certain individuals.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 553 by Kolkhorst

Relating to the notice of intention to issue certificates of obligation.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 554 by Kolkhorst

Relating to notice requirements for certain special districts that hold board meetings outside the district.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 555 by Kolkhorst

Relating to the entry of real property under a claim of eminent domain authority; providing a criminal penalty.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 556 by Rodríguez

Relating to the release on parole of certain inmates convicted of an offense committed when younger than 18 years of age; changing parole eligibility.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 557 by Rodríguez

Relating to the period for filing a claim for reimbursement for certain ancillary services under the Medicaid program.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 558 by Hancock

Relating to the designation of a portion of State Highway 360 in Ellis and Tarrant Counties as the Senator Chris Harris Memorial Highway.

To Committee on Transportation.

SB 559 by Hancock

Relating to the application of the miscellaneous gross receipts tax on utility companies.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 560 by Hancock

Relating to surcharges imposed for the use of a credit card; providing a civil penalty.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 561 by Hancock

Relating to the identification and handling of unclaimed life insurance and annuity contract proceeds.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 562 by Hancock

Relating to the provision of surplus lines insurance to certain commercial insureds.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 563 by Hancock

Relating to the definition of commercial property insurance for purposes of certain provisions governing insurance rates and policy forms.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 564 by Campbell

Relating to the applicability of open meetings requirements to certain meetings of a governing body relating to information technology security practices.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 565 by Perry

Relating to the creation of records of the DNA of certain defendants for inclusion in the DNA database system.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 566 by Perry

Relating to the qualifications for a person conducting an adoption evaluation.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 567 by Rodríguez

Relating to the imposition of administrative, civil, and criminal penalties for violating certain statutes under the jurisdiction of, rules or orders adopted by, or licenses, permits, or certificates issued by the Railroad Commission of Texas; increasing criminal penalties.

To Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development.

SB 568 by Rodríguez

Relating to the posting by the Railroad Commission of Texas on its Internet website of certain enforcement information.

To Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development.

SB 569 by Rodríguez

Relating to a review and report by the Railroad Commission of Texas regarding the oversight and enforcement of unpermitted discharges of oil and gas waste or of other substances or materials associated with certain operations or activities regulated by the commission.

To Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development.

SB 570 by Rodríguez

Relating to the regulation of the retention, storage, transportation, and disposal of used or scrap tires; providing a civil penalty; creating a criminal offense.

To Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development.

SB 571 by Menéndez

Relating to a salary career ladder for certain state employees.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 572 by Menéndez

Relating to a feasibility study and report by the Texas Division of Emergency Management regarding the use of United States Postal Service employees, resources, and assets during a declared disaster.

To Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development.

SB 573 by Estes

Relating to the disposition of proceeds from the sale of freshwater fishing stamps issued by the Parks and Wildlife Department.

To Committee on Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs.

SB 574 by Miles

Relating to the expansion of applied workforce learning opportunities in this state, including through the establishment of the Texas Industry Internship Challenge.

To Committee on Education.

SB 575 by Schwertner, Birdwell, Buckingham, Burton, Campbell, Creighton, Estes, Hall, Hinojosa, Kolkhorst, Lucio, Nichols, Perry, Seliger, Taylor of Galveston
Relating to the total revenue exemption for the franchise tax.
To Committee on Finance.

SB 576 by Huffman
Relating to a reporting requirement for certain incidents of sexual harassment, sexual assault, family violence, or stalking at public institutions of higher education; creating a criminal offense.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 577 by Nichols
Relating to the offense involving the carrying of handguns by license holders on the premises of state hospitals.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 578 by Lucio
Relating to the creation by the Texas Veterans Commission of a veteran suicide prevention action plan.
To Committee on Veteran Affairs and Border Security.

SB 579 by Taylor of Collin
Relating to the use of epinephrine auto-injectors on private school campuses and at or in transit to or from off-campus school events.
To Committee on Education.

SB 580 by Estes
Relating to the licensure or certification of volunteer firefighters and members of industrial emergency response teams.
To Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development.

SB 581 by Whitmire
Relating to the requirements for a change of name for a person with a final felony conviction or a person required to register as a sex offender.
To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 582 by Whitmire
Relating to the discharge of a prisoner from a county jail.
To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 583 by Campbell
Relating to the punishment for the offense of unlawfully carrying a handgun by a license holder.
To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 584 by West
Relating to guidelines for prescribing opioid antagonists.
To Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 585 by West

Relating to the opportunity of certain patriotic societies to present information regarding the society to public school students during regular school hours.

To Committee on Education.

SB 586 by Perry

Relating to the distribution of universal service funds to certain small and rural incumbent local exchange companies.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 587 by Campbell

Relating to the ability of certain students to enroll full-time in courses provided through the state virtual school network.

To Committee on Veteran Affairs and Border Security.

SB 588 by Lucio, Campbell

Relating to information regarding private employers who have veteran's employment preference policies.

To Committee on Veteran Affairs and Border Security.

SB 589 by Lucio

Relating to the establishment of the Texas Board of Behavior Analyst Examiners and the requirement to obtain a license to practice as a behavior analyst or assistant behavior analyst; imposing fees; providing an administrative penalty.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

SB 590 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 591 by Lucio

Relating to a community outreach campaign to increase awareness of veterans benefits and services.

To Committee on Veteran Affairs and Border Security.

SB 592 by Lucio

Relating to the classification of workers for purposes of the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act; providing a penalty.

To Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development.

SB 593 by Rodríguez

Relating to the governance of certain housing authorities.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

SB 594 by Creighton

Relating to the procedure for the approval of rules adopted by the comptroller relating to the appraisal of qualified open-space land and qualified timber land for ad valorem tax purposes.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 595 by Lucio

Relating to the eligibility of individuals from low-income households to pay the ad valorem taxes imposed on the individual's residence homestead in installments.
To Committee on Finance.

SB 596 by Lucio

Relating to imposing a tax on certain sweetened beverages and ingredients used to make certain sweetened beverages; providing a penalty.
To Committee on Finance.

SB 597 by Lucio

Relating to abolishing the death penalty.
To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 598 by Bettencourt

Relating to authorization by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for certain public junior colleges to offer baccalaureate degree programs.
To Committee on Higher Education.

SB 599 by Burton

Relating to the deferral and reduction or waiver of certain surcharges assessed under the driver responsibility program.
To Committee on Transportation.

SB 600 by Burton

Relating to the repeal of the Texas Economic Development Act.
To Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development.

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 4

On motion of Senator Perry, Senators Burton, Hall, Huffman, Nichols, and Seliger will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 4**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 7

On motion of Senator Bettencourt, Senator Creighton will be shown as Co-author of **SB 7**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 329

On motion of Senator Creighton, Senator Menéndez will be shown as Co-author of **SB 329**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 415

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

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 586

On motion of Senator Perry, Senator Kolkhorst will be shown as Co-author of **SB 586**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 589

On motion of Senator Lucio, Senator Campbell will be shown as Co-author of **SB 589**.

RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION

The following resolutions were adopted by the Senate:

Memorial Resolutions

SR 150 by Watson, In memory of Joseph Borowski Jr.

SR 151 by West, In memory of Hollis Brashear.

Congratulatory Resolutions

SR 97 by Hughes, Recognizing the Mineola High School football team for winning a state championship.

SR 98 by Hughes, Recognizing the Carthage High School football team for winning a state championship.

SR 152 by West, Recognizing the second annual Queenish Professional Women's Club Southwest Writers Showcase.

SR 153 by Hughes, Recognizing Janette Gillespie on the occasion of her 107th birthday.

Official Designation Resolution

SR 149 by Watson, Celebrating February 18, 2017, as Verlin Callahan Day.

ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to a previously adopted motion, the Senate at 1:35 p.m. adjourned, in memory of Dimitri Pappas, until 2:00 p.m. Monday, February 13, 2017.

APPENDIX

BILL ENGROSSED

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RESOLUTIONS ENROLLED

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SR 21, SR 89, SR 91, SR 112, SR 122, SR 123, SR 135, SR 136, SR 143, SR 144, SR 146, SR 147, SR 148