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PROCEEDINGS

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**TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY**

(Tuesday, March 21, 2017)

The Senate met at 12:30 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, 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.

Absent-excused: Campbell.

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

Senator Lucio offered the invocation as follows:

Give us, Lord, a lively firm faith and firm hope, a fervent charity, a love of You. Take from us all lukewarmness in meditation, dullness in prayer. Give us fervor and delight in thinking of You and Your grace and Your tender compassion towards us. The things we pray for, good Lord, give us grace to labor for. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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 Campbell was granted leave of absence for today on account of a death in the family.

## **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.

## **CONCLUSION OF MORNING CALL**

The President at 12:33 p.m. announced the conclusion of morning call.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
SENATE BILL 2 ON THIRD READING**

Senator Bettencourt moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 2** at this time on its third reading and final passage:

**CSSB 2**, Relating to ad valorem taxation.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 18, Nays 12.

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

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

Absent-excused: Campbell.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 18, Nays 12. (Same as previous roll call)

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
SENATE BILL 17 ON SECOND READING**

Senator Nelson moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 17** at this time on its second reading:

**CSSB 17**, Relating to the decrease of the rates of the franchise tax under certain circumstances and the expiration of that tax.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 23, Nays 7.

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

Nays: Garcia, Menéndez, Miles, Rodríguez, Watson, Whitmire, Zaffirini.

Absent-excused: Campbell.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment by the following vote: Yeas 23, Nays 7. (Same as previous roll call)

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
SENATE BILL 17 ON THIRD READING**

Senator Nelson moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **CSSB 17** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 24, Nays 6.

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

Nays: Garcia, Menéndez, Miles, Rodríguez, Whitmire, Zaffirini.

Absent-excused: Campbell.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 23, Nays 7.

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

Nays: Garcia, Menéndez, Miles, Rodríguez, Watson, Whitmire, Zaffirini.

Absent-excused: Campbell.

### **SENATE BILL 312 ON SECOND READING**

Senator Nichols moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **SB 312** at this time on its second reading:

**SB 312**, Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Department of Transportation; authorizing an increase in rates charged for the use of state aircraft to provide for the acquisition of replacement aircraft.

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

Absent-excused: Campbell.

The bill was read second time.

Senator Nichols offered the following amendment to the bill:

#### **Floor Amendment No. 1**

Amend **SB 312** (senate committee printing) in SECTION 19 of the bill, in amended Section 223.012, Transportation Code (page 7, between lines 29 and 30), by inserting the following:

(f) Rules adopted under this section must require:

- (1) contractual provisions providing for the consideration of sufficient time;  
and  
(2) the department to consider any events outside a contractor's control before assessing a penalty against the contractor.

The amendment to **SB 312** 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: Campbell.

Senator Hall offered the following amendment to the bill:

#### **Floor Amendment No. 2**

Amend **SB 312** (senate committee printing) in SECTION 19 of the bill, in amended Section 223.012, Transportation Code (page 6, line 52) by striking "low-bid".

The amendment to **SB 312** 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: Campbell.

Senator Kolkhorst offered the following amendment to the bill:

**Floor Amendment No. 3**

Amend **SB 312** (senate committee report) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Subchapter B, Chapter 203, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 203.023 to read as follows:

Sec. 203.023. SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE IN LAYOUT OR FUNCTION. The commission by rule shall require a hearing for projects that substantially change the layout or function of a connecting roadway or an existing facility, including the addition of managed lanes, high-occupancy vehicle lanes, bicycle lanes, bus lanes, and transit lanes.

The amendment to **SB 312** 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: Campbell.

**SB 312** 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: Campbell.

**SENATE BILL 312 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 312** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

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

Absent-excused: Campbell.

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

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
SENATE BILL 25 ON THIRD READING**

Senator Creighton moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 25** at this time on its third reading and final passage:

**CSSB 25**, Relating to eliminating the wrongful birth cause of action.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 21, Nays 9.

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

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

Absent-excused: Campbell.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 21, Nays 9. (Same as previous roll call)

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

Senator Kolkhorst submitted the following Motion In Writing:

Mr. President:

I move to suspend Senate Rule 11.13 so that committees may meet during the reading and referral of bills.

KOLKHORST

The Motion In Writing was read and prevailed without objection.

**SENATE BILL 1090 REREFERRED**  
**(Motion In Writing)**

Senator Lucio submitted a Motion In Writing requesting that **SB 1090** be withdrawn from the Committee on Criminal Justice and rereferred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

The Motion In Writing was read and prevailed without objection.

**SENATE BILL 1421 REREFERRED**  
**(Motion In Writing)**

Senator Estes submitted a Motion In Writing requesting that **SB 1421** be withdrawn from the Committee on Criminal Justice and rereferred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development.

The Motion In Writing was read and prevailed without objection.

**SENATE RULES SUSPENDED**  
**(Posting Rules)**

On motion of Senator Hancock 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 and consider the following bills today:

**SB 563, SB 1003, SB 1004, SB 1071, SB 1072, SB 1073.**

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

On motion of Senator Estes and by unanimous consent, Senate Rule 11.13 was suspended to grant the Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development permission to meet while the Senate was meeting today.

**SENATE RULES SUSPENDED**  
**(Posting Rules)**

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

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

On motion of Senator Whitmire and by unanimous consent, the Senate at 1:02 p.m. agreed to adjourn, in memory of Tanner Schwartz, upon completion of the introduction of bills and resolutions on first reading, until 11:00 a.m. tomorrow.

**(Senator Huffines in Chair)**

**SENATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING**

The following bills and resolutions, filed on or before Friday, March 10, 2017, were introduced, read first time, and referred to the committees indicated:

**SB 1526** by Creighton

Relating to the creation of the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 158; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.  
To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

**SB 1527** by Creighton

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 1528** by Creighton

Relating to the joint planning process for groundwater management.  
To Committee on Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs.

**SB 1529** by Creighton

Relating to the collection, analysis, and dissemination of information regarding the availability and quality of the groundwater resources in this state by the Geo-Technology Research Institute.  
To Committee on Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs.

**SB 1530** by Estes

Relating to the regulation of persons and business activities subject to regulation by certain finance agencies.  
To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 1531** by Rodríguez

Relating to the expansion of the College Credit for Heroes program to lower-division public institutions of higher education offering degrees in certain fields.  
To Committee on Higher Education.

**SB 1532** by Rodríguez

Relating to the supervision by a personal bond office of individuals granted an occupational driver's license; providing for an administrative fee.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 1533** by Rodríguez

Relating to mental health first aid training for university employees.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 1534** by Rodríguez

Relating to the entry of a plea by defendants charged with certain misdemeanors involving family violence.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 1535** by Rodríguez

Relating to school districts of innovation.

To Committee on Education.

**SB 1536** by Campbell, Perry

Relating to the ability of a child-placing agency to decline to provide services or accept a referral from the Department of Family and Protective Services on the basis of sincerely held religious beliefs.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 1537** by Taylor of Galveston

Relating to dispute resolution for certain claims arising under insurance policies issued by the Fair Access to Insurance Requirements (FAIR) Plan Association; authorizing fees.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 1538** by Watson

Relating to the permissible uses of the floodplain management account.

To Committee on Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs.

**SB 1539** by Watson

Relating to the application of the sales and use tax to certain property and services.

To Committee on Finance.

**SB 1540** by Watson

Relating to the certification, training, and supervision of certified family partners and the provision of peer support services by certified family partners to the family or primary caregiver of certain children with serious emotional disturbance, including the provision of those services under the medical assistance program.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 1541** by Estes

Relating to the treatment and recycling for beneficial use of drill cuttings.

To Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development.

**SB 1542** by Kolkhorst

Relating to a requirement that a condominium receive prior approval from a county prior to its creation.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 1543** by West

Relating to a local option exemption from ad valorem taxation by a county of a portion of the value of the residence homestead of a physician who provides health care services for which the physician agrees not to seek payment from any source, including the Medicaid program or otherwise from this state or the federal government, to indigent residents of the county.

To Committee on Finance.

**SB 1544** by Kolkhorst

Relating to financial reporting requirements of regional planning commissions.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

**SB 1545** by Kolkhorst

Relating to the definition of eligible central municipality for purposes of the municipal hotel occupancy tax.

To Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development.

**SB 1546** by Menéndez

Relating to the implementation of student financial assistance programs for veterans and their families.

To Committee on Veteran Affairs and Border Security.

**SB 1547** by Menéndez

Relating to access to criminal history record information by the adjutant general.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 1548** by Menéndez

Relating to post-discharge services offered by a juvenile board or juvenile probation department to a child after the child's probation period ends.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 1549** by Menéndez

Relating to the authority of the Department of Public Safety to provide notification of a failure to appear in federal court.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 1550** by Menéndez

Relating to a study by the Texas Department of Transportation of the effects of restricting trucks from the use of one lane of a highway.

To Committee on Transportation.

**SB 1551** by Menéndez

Relating to the criteria for issuing a silver alert for a missing senior citizen.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 1552** by Menéndez

Relating to an environmental service fee charged by an institution of higher education.  
To Committee on Higher Education.

**SB 1553** by Menéndez

Relating to the refusal of entry to or ejection from school district property.  
To Committee on Education.

**SB 1554** by Kolkhorst

Relating to establishing a Medicaid Block Grant Waiver Legislative Oversight Committee.  
To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 1555** by Kolkhorst

Relating to Texas Department of Transportation consideration of financially independent state highway toll projects.  
To Committee on Transportation.

**SB 1556** by Kolkhorst

Relating to the management of commercial oyster boats in this state.  
To Committee on Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs.

**SB 1557** by Kolkhorst

Relating to the administration of gasoline and diesel fuel motor fuels taxes and the fee on the delivery of certain petroleum products.  
To Committee on Finance.

**SB 1558** by Kolkhorst

Relating to automatic admission to general academic teaching institutions for valedictorians of certain high school graduating classes.  
To Committee on Higher Education.

**SB 1559** by Taylor of Galveston

Relating to a fee exemption for guardianship proceedings of certain military servicemembers and certain law enforcement officers, firefighters, and other first responders.  
To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 1560** by Taylor of Galveston

Relating to the offense of operating certain vehicles without a license plate.  
To Committee on Transportation.

**SB 1561** by Taylor of Collin

Relating to a study by the State Board of Education on the instructional day and academic year requirements necessary to complete the required curriculum in public schools.  
To Committee on Education.

**SB 1562** by Kolkhorst

Relating to enforcement for violations of duplicate state and federal regulations by long-term facilities.  
To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 1563** by Kolkhorst

Relating to audits of the fiscal accounts and records of emergency services districts.  
To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

**SB 1564** by Kolkhorst

Relating to pharmacy benefit networks and pharmacy benefit managers.  
To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 1565** by Kolkhorst

Relating to the procedure for ordering medical or dental services for certain persons admitted to or committed to care at certain state facilities.  
To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 1566** by Kolkhorst

Relating to certain powers and duties of the board of trustees of an independent school district and the governing body of an open-enrollment charter school.  
To Committee on Education.

**SB 1567** by Kolkhorst

Relating to the reimbursement of prescription drugs under Medicaid and the child health plan program.  
To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 1568** by Hinojosa

Relating to the filing of certain actions involving preauthorized medical care or health care services in the Medicaid program.  
To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 1569** by Huffman

Relating to prostitution and the trafficking of persons, civil racketeering related to trafficking, the prosecution of and punishment for certain sexual offenses and offenses involving or related to trafficking, reimbursement of certain costs for criminal victims who are children, and the release and reporting of certain information relating to a child; increasing a criminal penalty; creating a criminal offense.  
To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 1570** by Huffman

Relating to the care and transportation provided to a sexual assault survivor by a health care facility.  
To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 1571** by Huffman

Relating to the release of a child taken into possession by a law enforcement or juvenile probation officer.  
To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 1572** by Watson

Relating to the operation of a motor vehicle dealership by certain manufacturers or distributors.  
To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 1573** by Kolkhorst

Relating to a study to identify and address inefficiencies in state health care regulations.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 1574** by Kolkhorst

Relating to the electronic sharing of protected health information and certification of and enforcement actions against certain covered entities.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 1575** by Perry

Relating to the prosecution of the offenses of assault and harassment by persons committed to certain facilities; increasing a criminal penalty.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 1576** by Perry

Relating to the civil commitment of sexually violent predators, the operation of the Texas Civil Commitment Office, and certain related offenses; increasing a criminal penalty.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 1577** by Perry

Relating to measures to prevent wrongful convictions.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 1578** by Nichols

Relating to the creation and operations of health care provider participation programs in certain counties.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

**SB 1579** by Garcia

Relating to authorizing the secretary of state to terminate the existence of a domestic filing entity if a substantial owner or governing person of the entity has been convicted of human trafficking or compelling prostitution.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 1580** by Garcia

Relating to the testing of drinking water from and the replacement and repair of drinking water outlets and water lines on publicly owned and operated property.

To Committee on Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs.

**SB 1581** by Garcia

Relating to a public defender's investigation into a defendant's finances.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 1582** by Garcia

Relating to community supervision in this state and the waiver or modification of certain fees, fines, and costs imposed on certain defendants; changing fees applicable to community supervision or a defendant's participation in certain programs.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 1583** by Garcia

Relating to the commitment of a defendant who is found incompetent to stand trial and who is a person with an intellectual disability.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 1584** by Garcia

Relating to the conditions of community supervision.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 1585** by Uresti

Relating to the reimbursement of certain services provided by respiratory care practitioners under Medicaid.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 1586** by Uresti, Garcia, Hinojosa, Rodríguez, Watson

Relating to the minimum wage, including authorizing certain counties and municipalities to establish a minimum wage.

To Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development.

**SB 1587** by Garcia

Relating to lead in drinking water at schools and child care facilities.

To Committee on Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs.

**SB 1588** by Huffines, Perry, Uresti, Whitmire

Relating to the elimination of regular mandatory vehicle safety inspections.

To Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development.

**SB 1589** by Lucio

Relating to suspending the statute of limitations in the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act during a lawsuit.

To Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development.

**SB 1590** by Lucio

Relating to allowing the Texas Workforce Commission (Commission) to cash a warrant with a restricted or conditional endorsement without settling the amount of money due to the Commission.

To Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development.

**SB 1591** by Lucio

Relating to cooperation with federal agencies on a guest worker program in this state.

To Committee on Veteran Affairs and Border Security.

**SB 1592** by Schwertner

Relating to the amount of an administrative penalty assessed against freestanding emergency medical care facilities.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 1595** by Hinojosa

Relating to penalties imposed on a holder of an alcoholic beverage license or permit.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 1596** by Rodríguez

Relating to a study regarding the feasibility of creating a mechanism by which a governmental entity could acquire small parcels of real property in an area and convey them to a developer in order to ensure the property is developed in compliance with model subdivision rules.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 1597** by Rodríguez

Relating to a requirement that the General Land Office conduct an evaluation and submit a report regarding the use of wind and solar power to desalinate brackish groundwater on real property owned by the state.

To Committee on Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs.

**SB 1598** by Miles

Relating to applications for permits issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for certain new or expanded facilities in certain low-income and minority communities.

To Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development.

**SB 1599** by Miles

Relating to maternal mortality reporting and investigation information.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 1600** by Miles

Relating to the issuance of standard permits for certain concrete plants.

To Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development.

**SB 1601** by Miles

Relating to the establishment by certain counties and municipalities of disease control programs to reduce the risk of certain infectious and communicable diseases; authorizing fees.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 1602** by Campbell, Perry

Relating to reporting requirements by health care practitioners and certain health care facilities for abortion complications and to an annual report by the Department of State Health Services; providing a civil penalty.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 1603** by Estes

Relating to state agency investigations.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 1604** by Creighton

Relating to the establishment of a junior college by certain independent school districts.

To Committee on Higher Education.

**SB 1605** by Creighton

Relating to the availability of certain school district financial information on certain districts' Internet websites.

To Committee on Education.

**SB 1606** by Creighton

Relating to the dispensing of aesthetic pharmaceuticals by physicians; authorizing fees.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 1607** by Creighton

Relating to the operation of vehicles transporting precast prestressed concrete products.

To Committee on Transportation.

**SB 1608** by Creighton

Relating to the operation of vehicles transporting mobile cranes.

To Committee on Transportation.

**SB 1609** by Bettencourt, Kolkhorst

Relating to regulation by a property owners' association of certain religious displays.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 1610** by Taylor of Collin

Relating to open-enrollment charter schools.

To Committee on Education.

**SB 1611** by Taylor of Collin

Relating to requiring an election for the issuance of certain certificates of obligation by a municipality or county.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

**SB 1612** by Taylor of Collin

Relating to the solicitation of pen pals by certain inmates of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 1613** by Campbell

Relating to the assignment of health insurance benefits to a physician or health care provider.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 1614** by Campbell

Relating to a misleading representation or misrepresentation in an explanation of benefits provided by a health benefit plan issuer or administrator.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 1615** by Campbell

Relating to what constitutes balance billing of a health benefit plan enrollee by a physician or health care provider for purposes of certain disclosure and medication requirements.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 1616** by Lucio

Relating to certain sentencing procedures in a capital case.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 1617** by West

Relating to the reporting requirements for certain injuries or deaths caused by peace officers.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 1618** by West

Relating to billing and reimbursement for certain emergency and health care services provided to a sexual assault survivor.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 1619** by West

Relating to the creation of the offense of electronic access interference.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 1620** by Taylor of Collin

Relating to the regulation of raising or keeping six or fewer chickens by a political subdivision.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

**SB 1621** by Uresti

Relating to Texas Department of Motor Vehicles and county tax assessor-collector vehicle titling and registration duties and fees associated with those duties.

To Committee on Transportation.

**SB 1622** by Uresti

Relating to the creation of a statewide alert system for missing military members.

To Committee on Veteran Affairs and Border Security.

**SB 1623** by Uresti

Relating to certain persons who are acquitted by reason of insanity in a criminal case and who are dangerous to the person's self.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 1624** by Uresti

Relating to the definition of "non-physician mental health professional" for purposes of the Texas Mental Health Code.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 1625** by Uresti

Relating to protection for physician assistants who refuse to engage in certain conduct.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SCR 34** by Kolkhorst

Urging Congress to ensure the fair allocation of Medicare funding for graduate medical education to all states.

To Committee on Higher Education.

**SCR 35** by Estes

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.

To Committee on Veteran Affairs and Border Security.

**SCR 36** by Hinojosa

Encouraging Congress to pass legislation allowing the State of Texas to manage the Gulf of Mexico red snapper fishery out to 200 nautical miles.

To Committee on Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs.

**SCR 37** by Hinojosa

Urging Congress to increase appropriations from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund to properly maintain ship channels.

To Committee on Transportation.

**SJR 52** by West

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing a local option exemption from ad valorem taxation by a county of a portion of the value of the residence homestead of a physician who provides health care services for which the physician agrees not to seek payment from any source, including the Medicaid program or otherwise from this state or the federal government, to county residents who are indigent or who are Medicaid recipients.

To Committee on Finance.

**SJR 53** by Huffines

Proposing a constitutional amendment relating to limiting the permissible uses of money appropriated from the economic stabilization fund.

To Committee on Finance.

**SJR 54** by Taylor of Galveston

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing a municipal charter amendment election to be held on certain election dates.

To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

**SJR 55** by Hinojosa

Proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the effect of a sale of property on the tax lien on the property to secure the payment of ad valorem taxes, penalties, and interest imposed on the property as a result of the addition to the appraisal roll of property or property value that was erroneously exempted in a prior year.

To Committee on Finance.

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 2**

On motion of Senator Bettencourt, Senator Campbell will be shown as Co-author of **SB 2**.

**CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 17**

On motion of Senator Nelson, Senators Burton and Hall will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 17**.

**CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 20**

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

**CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 22**

On motion of Senator Taylor of Galveston, Senators Bettencourt and West will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 22**.

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 23**

On motion of Senator Schwertner, Senator Taylor of Galveston will be shown as Co-author of **SB 23**.

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 25**

On motion of Senator Creighton, Senator Lucio will be shown as Co-author of **SB 25**.

**CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 27**

On motion of Senator Campbell, Senators Buckingham, Hall, Lucio, and Rodríguez will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 27**.

**CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 88**

On motion of Senator Hall, Senators Burton and Hughes will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 88**.

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 176**

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

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 271**

On motion of Senator Burton, Senator Rodríguez will be shown as Co-author of **SB 271**.

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 277**

On motion of Senator Campbell, Senator Kolkhorst will be shown as Co-author of **SB 277**.

**CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 312**

On motion of Senator Nichols, Senators Garcia, Hall, Lucio, and West will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 312**.

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 325**

On motion of Senator Burton, Senator Rodríguez will be shown as Co-author of **SB 325**.

**CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 463**

On motion of Senator Seliger, Senators Birdwell, Hughes, Hinojosa, Lucio, Miles, Perry, Rodríguez, Uresti, Watson, and West will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 463**.

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 494**

On motion of Senator Burton, Senator Rodríguez will be shown as Co-author of **SB 494**.

**CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 669**

On motion of Senator Nelson, Senators Bettencourt, Buckingham, Huffman, Kolkhorst, and Uresti will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 669**.

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 717**

On motion of Senator Taylor of Collin, Senator Uresti will be shown as Co-author of **SB 717**.

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 840**

On motion of Senator Zaffirini, Senator Lucio will be shown as Co-author of **SB 840**.

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 972**

On motion of Senator Zaffirini, Senator Uresti will be shown as Co-author of **SB 972**.

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 1298**

On motion of Senator Huffman, Senator Nichols will be shown as Co-author of **SB 1298**.

**CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 1454**

On motion of Senator Watson, Senators Estes, Hughes, Kolkhorst, Menéndez, Rodríguez, Schwertner, Seliger, and Uresti will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 1454**.

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 2017**

On motion of Senator Creighton, Senator Kolkhorst will be shown as Co-author of **SB 2017**.

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 2123**

On motion of Senator Zaffirini, Senator Lucio will be shown as Co-author of **SB 2123**.

**RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION**

The following resolutions were adopted by the Senate:

**Memorial Resolution**

**HCR 68** (Watson), In memory of Will David Davis Sr. of Austin.

**Welcome and Congratulatory Resolutions**

**SR 471** by Birdwell, Welcoming the Ennis Chamber of Commerce to the State Capitol.

**HCR 55** (Kolkhorst and Hinojosa), Congratulating Betty Lamb on her retirement from the Coastal Bend Council of Governments.

**Official Designation Resolutions**

**SR 469** by Hughes, Recognizing March 29 and 30, 2017, as Rusk County Days.

**SR 470** by Uresti, Recognizing March 21, 2017, as Dimmit County Day.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Pursuant to a previously adopted motion, the Senate at 1:30 p.m. adjourned, in memory of Tanner Schwartz, until 11:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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**APPENDIX**

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The following committee reports were received by the Secretary of the Senate in the order listed:

March 21, 2017

VETERAN AFFAIRS AND BORDER SECURITY — **SB 27**

AGRICULTURE, WATER, AND RURAL AFFAIRS — **SB 726, SB 864**

STATE AFFAIRS — **SB 151, SB 138, SJR 43, SB 263, SB 657, SB 936, CSSB 16**

**BILLS ENGROSSED**

March 20, 2017

**SB 37, SB 38, SB 132, SB 135, SB 249, SB 331, SB 415, SB 674, SB 721, SB 867, SB 887**

**RESOLUTIONS ENROLLED**

March 20, 2017

**SR 442, SR 443, SR 444, SR 446, SR 447, SR 448, SR 449, SR 450, SR 451, SR 452, SR 453, SR 454, SR 455, SR 457, SR 458, SR 459, SR 460, SR 461, SR 462, SR 463, SR 464, SR 465, SR 467**

