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PROCEEDINGS

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## FIFTH DAY

(Wednesday, January 23, 2019)

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: Alvarado, Bettencourt, Birdwell, Buckingham, Campbell, Creighton, Fallon, Flores, Hall, Hancock, Hinojosa, Huffman, Hughes, Johnson, Kolkhorst, Lucio, Menéndez, Miles, Nelson, Nichols, Paxton, Perry, Powell, Rodríguez, Schwertner, Seliger, Taylor, Watson, West, Whitmire, Zaffirini.

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

Pastor Samuel Brannon, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Elgin, offered the invocation as follows:

God of all nations, Lord of all languages, grant Your counsel to these Your servant Senators that they may deliberate with wisdom, always tempered by love and kindness. Bless these state leaders that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to these United States. As these leaders deliberate and enact legislation, O Lord, guide them gently by Your grace that all Texans may be served equally. Stay their hand that these Senators, who love Texas as much as You do, might safeguard our common well-being, provide for the defense of freedom, liberty, and justice for all. I pray today that by these leaders' example, Texas may shine forth as a beacon of unity and hope for all the world to see. *En el nombre del Dios de todos gentes.* 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 23, 2019 - 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 32** Hernandez

Recognizing members of the 2018-2019 Galena Park ISD Superintendent's Student Advisory Board on the occasion of their visit to the State Capitol.

**SCR 9** Whitmire Sponsor: Thompson,  
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Granting the legislature permission to adjourn for more than three days during the period beginning on Wednesday, January 23, 2019, and ending on Monday, January 28, 2019.

Respectfully,

/s/Robert Haney, Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives

### PHYSICIAN OF THE DAY

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

The Senate welcomed Dr. McMurry, accompanied by his granddaughters Madeline, Mason, and Morgan Tomlinson, and thanked him for his participation in the Physician of the Day program sponsored by the Texas Academy of Family Physicians.

### SENATE BILL AND RESOLUTION ON FIRST READING

The following bill and resolution were introduced, read first time, and referred to the committee indicated:

**SB 409** by Hughes

Relating to the creation, purpose, implementation, and funding of the County Park Beautification and Improvement Program.

To Committee on Administration.

**SJR 30** by Hughes

Proposing a constitutional amendment relating to appropriations for the preservation and perpetuation of certain items of historical value; allowing the legislature and state agencies to accept on behalf of the state gifts of items of historical value and contributions to purchase such items.

To Committee on Administration.

### GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Menéndez was recognized and introduced to the Senate students representing Central Catholic High School in San Antonio, accompanied by their principal, Stephen Walswick.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

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Senator Watson was recognized and introduced to the Senate the family of former Austin Mayor Gus Garcia including his wife, Marina Garcia, and sons, Gus Garcia Jr. and his wife, Norma, and Carlos Garcia.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

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Senator Nichols was recognized and introduced to the Senate a Texas Association of Public Employee Retirement Systems delegation.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

**SENATE RULES SUSPENDED  
(Posting Rules)**

On motion of Senator Hughes and by unanimous consent, Senate Rule 11.10(a) and Senate Rule 11.18(a) were suspended in order that the Committee on Administration might meet and consider the following bill and resolution today:

**SB 409, SJR 30.**

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 3**

On motion of Senator Nelson, Senator Hughes will be shown as Co-author of **SB 3.**

**RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION**

The following resolutions were adopted by the Senate:

**Congratulatory Resolutions**

**SR 29** by Nichols, Recognizing the Texas Association of Public Employee Retirement Systems on the occasion of its 30th anniversary.

**SR 35** by Seliger, Recognizing Kirk Edwards for being named the 2018 Outstanding Citizen of the Year by the Odessa Chamber of Commerce.

**Official Designation Resolutions**

**SR 30** by Schwertner, Recognizing January 28, 2019, as CRNA Day.

**SR 31** by Kolkhorst, Recognizing February 12, 2019, as Wharton County Day.

**SR 32** by Kolkhorst, Recognizing February 5, 2019, as Austin County Day.

**SR 33** by Kolkhorst, Recognizing February 19, 2019, as Matagorda County Day.

**SR 34** by Kolkhorst, Recognizing February 26, 2019, as Washington County Day.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Senator Whitmire, the Senate at 11:33 a.m. adjourned, in memory of Richard Wosman and Gus Garcia, until 3:00 p.m. Monday, January 28, 2019.

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**APPENDIX**

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**RESOLUTIONS ENROLLED**

January 22, 2019

**SR 18, SR 19, SR 20, SR 21, SR 22, SR 23, SR 24, SR 25, SR 26, SR 27**