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PROCEEDINGS

THIRTY-SEVENTH DAY

(Tuesday, April 18, 2023)

The Senate met at 11:04 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by President Pro Tempore Hancock.

The roll was called and the following Senators were present: Alvarado, Bettencourt, Birdwell, Blanco, Campbell, Creighton, Eckhardt, Flores, Gutierrez, Hall, Hancock, Hinojosa, Huffman, Hughes, Johnson, King, Kolkhorst, LaMantia, Menéndez, Middleton, Miles, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks, Springer, West, Whitmire, Zaffirini.

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

Pastor Jonathan Leach, First Baptist Church, Edgewood, offered the invocation as follows:

Our heavenly Father, we come before You today, for You are almighty God, creator of heaven and Earth. For You said, I am the Lord, who makes all things, who stretches out the heavens all alone, who spreads abroad the Earth by Myself. Lord, it's to You that we pray. Thank You for Your goodness, mercy, and love that we know through the life of Your holy son, Jesus Christ. Lord, we thank You for the great State of Texas. We ask Your grace to be with us, that You would protect our homes, churches, schools, and businesses from all threats and danger, that You alone would provide for our every need, as You own all things and are the great supplier. I lift up every Texas Senator today. Thank You for their work and service they give to make a difference in our state. God, I pray that they would seek Your will and Your wisdom for guidance in every decision that they make. Help them to please You as they legislate this session, considering the men, women, and children that make up this special state. Lord, we need You with us. You said, Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. May we be a blessing to You and others by placing You first in our lives. Help us to glorify You, as we carry out the important responsibilities You have given us to serve the people of Texas. I pray all these things in the mighty name of Jesus Christ. 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.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following Messages from the Governor were read and were referred to the Committee on Nominations:

April 18, 2023

Austin, Texas

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

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

To be members of the Texas Funeral Service Commission for terms to expire February 1, 2029:

Dianne W. Hefley
Amarillo, Texas

Kristin D. Tips
San Antonio, Texas

The individuals listed above are being reappointed.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Greg Abbott
Governor

April 18, 2023

Austin, Texas

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

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

To be a member of the State Preservation Board for a term to expire February 1, 2025:

Alethea Swann Bugg
San Antonio, Texas
(Ms. Bugg is being reappointed)

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Greg Abbott
Governor

**INTRODUCTION OF
BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS POSTPONED**

The President Pro Tempore 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 83

Senator Hall offered the following resolution:

SR 83, Recognizing April 18, 2023, as Navarro County Day.

The resolution was again read.

The resolution was previously adopted on Tuesday, January 24, 2023.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Hall was recognized and introduced to the Senate a Navarro County Day delegation.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Menéndez was recognized and introduced to the Senate Great Hearts Monte Vista North Academy seventh grade students and teachers.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Sparks was recognized and introduced to the Senate representatives of The Eastland Oil Company of Midland including President Robert Donnelly, Vice-president Garrett Donnelly, and other members of the Donnelly family celebrating the company's 100th anniversary.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

SENATE RESOLUTION 436

Senator Middleton offered the following resolution:

SR 436, Congratulating the Hitchcock High School boys' basketball team on winning a state championship.

The resolution was read and was adopted without objection.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Middleton was recognized and introduced to the Senate the Hitchcock High School UIL 3A boys' state championship team including Damien McDaniel, Lloyd Jones III, Elijah Sherwood, Isaac Garza, Kelshaun Johnson, Taron Elam, Bryce Dorsey, Tahara Goins Jr., Kamari McNeal, Tyler Crear, Trevor Gregory, Jayden Saxton-Rivera, and Hitchcock Mayor Chris Armacost.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

SENATE RESOLUTION 430

Senator Alvarado offered the following resolution:

SR 430, Recognizing April 18, 2023, as Texas Music Advocacy Day.

The resolution was read and was adopted without objection.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Alvarado, joined by Senator Menéndez, was recognized and introduced to the Senate Texas Chapter of the Recording Academy members including AJ Ahmed, Christine Albert, Christee Albino, Shauna Dodds, Sangeeta Kaur, Caren Kelleher, Gene Moore, Lisa Morales, Eddie Perez, Gwendolyn Seale, Suera Sheikhi, Gilbert Velasquez, Heather Wagner Reed, and Bun B.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Zaffirini was recognized and introduced to the Senate a La Salle County delegation including County Judge Leodoro Martinez III, Treasurer Maria Perez, Sheriff Anthony Zertuche, County Clerk Sonia Maldonado, and Commissioners Joaquin Alba, Erasmo Ramirez Jr., and Raul Ayala.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

SENATE RESOLUTION 433

Senator Birdwell offered the following resolution:

SR 433, Recognizing April 18, 2023, as Baylor Day.

The resolution was read and was adopted without objection.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Birdwell, joined by Senator Paxton, was recognized and introduced to the Senate a Baylor Day delegation including President Linda A. Livingstone, General Counsel Christopher Holmes, and Tiffany Hogue.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

SENATE RULES SUSPENDED**(Posting Rules)**

On motion of Senator Kolkhorst and by unanimous consent, Senate Rule 11.10(a) and Senate Rule 11.18(a) were suspended in order that the Committee on Health and Human Services might meet at 8:00 a.m. tomorrow in the Senate Chamber.

SENATE RESOLUTION 434

Senator Birdwell offered the following resolution:

SR 434, Recognizing the Bob Bullock Scholars Program of Baylor University.

The resolution was read and was adopted without objection.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Birdwell, joined by Senator Nichols, was recognized and introduced to the Senate Bob Bullock Scholars including Allie Barnett, Caden Betancourt, Mika'ele Castro, Hayden Cottrell, Paige Hoefler, Audrey La, Annabelle Snyder, Gabe Solano, Rhayne Trahan, and Morné Wolmarans.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING CALL

The President Pro Tempore at 11:57 a.m. announced the conclusion of morning call.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 2018 ON THIRD READING**

Senator Flores moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 2018** at this time on its third reading and final passage:

CSSB 2018, Relating to prohibitions on camping in a public place.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 21, Nays 10.

Yeas: Bettencourt, Birdwell, Campbell, Creighton, Flores, Hall, Hancock, Hinojosa, Huffman, Hughes, King, Kolkhorst, Menéndez, Middleton, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks, Springer.

Nays: Alvarado, Blanco, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, Johnson, LaMantia, Miles, West, Whitmire, Zaffirini.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 21, Nays 10. (Same as previous roll call)

SENATE BILL 1232 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Nichols and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **SB 1232** at this time on its second reading:

SB 1232, Relating to the determination of the sufficient balance of the economic stabilization fund for the purpose of allocating general revenue to that fund and the state highway fund.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to engrossment.

SENATE BILL 1232 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 1232** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 1807 ON SECOND READING**

Senator Springer moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 1807** at this time on its second reading:

CSSB 1807, Relating to the unlawful altering of election procedures; providing a civil penalty.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 19, Nays 12.

Yeas: Bettencourt, Birdwell, Campbell, Creighton, Flores, Hall, Hancock, Huffman, Hughes, King, Kolkhorst, Middleton, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks, Springer.

Nays: Alvarado, Blanco, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, Hinojosa, Johnson, LaMantia, Menéndez, Miles, West, Whitmire, Zaffirini.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment by the following vote: Yeas 19, Nays 12. (Same as previous roll call)

SENATE BILL 926 ON SECOND READING

Senator Parker moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **SB 926** at this time on its second reading:

SB 926, Relating to certain temporary sales by a mixed beverage permit holder.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Perry asked to be recorded as voting "Nay" on suspension of the regular order of business.

The bill was read second time and 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:

Nays: Perry.

SENATE BILL 926 ON THIRD READING

Senator Parker moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **SB 926** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Nays: Perry.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1. (Same as previous roll call)

SENATE BILL 1600 ON THIRD READING

Senator Hughes moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **SB 1600** at this time on its third reading and final passage:

SB 1600, Relating to a person submitting proof of citizenship to verify eligibility to vote in Texas.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 20, Nays 11.

Yeas: Bettencourt, Birdwell, Campbell, Creighton, Flores, Hall, Hancock, Hinojosa, Huffman, Hughes, King, Kolkhorst, Middleton, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks, Springer.

Nays: Alvarado, Blanco, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, Johnson, LaMantia, Menéndez, Miles, West, Whitmire, Zaffirini.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 20, Nays 11. (Same as previous roll call)

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 526 ON SECOND READING**

Senator West moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 526** at this time on its second reading:

CSSB 526, Relating to requiring prior approval by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to offer a degree or certificate program to certain persons who are incarcerated or subject to involuntary civil commitment.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Schwertner asked to be recorded as voting "Nay" on suspension of the regular order of business.

The bill was read second time and 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:

Nays: Schwertner.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 526 ON THIRD READING**

Senator West moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **CSSB 526** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Nays: Schwertner.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1. (Same as previous roll call)

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 553 ON SECOND READING**

Senator West moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 553** at this time on its second reading:

CSSB 553, Relating to dedication ceremonies for new state buildings.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hall asked to be recorded as voting "Nay" on suspension of the regular order of business.

The bill was read second time and 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:

Nays: Hall.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 553 ON THIRD READING**

Senator West moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **CSSB 553** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Nays: Hall.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1. (Same as previous roll call)

(President in Chair)

SENATE BILL 1243 ON SECOND READING

Senator Huffman moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **SB 1243** at this time on its second reading:

SB 1243, Relating to the franchise tax treatment of certain broadband grants made for the purposes of broadband deployment in this state.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Middleton asked to be recorded as voting "Nay" on suspension of the regular order of business.

The bill was read second time and 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:

Nays: Middleton.

SENATE BILL 1243 ON THIRD READING

Senator Huffman moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **SB 1243** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Nays: Middleton.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1. (Same as previous roll call)

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 1445 ON SECOND READING**

On motion of Senator Paxton and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **CSSB 1445** at this time on its second reading:

CSSB 1445, Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.

The bill was read second time.

Senator Perry offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 1

Amend **CSSB 1445** (senate committee printing) in SECTION 2 of the bill, in amended Section 1701.002, Occupations Code (page 1, line 34), by striking "2035" and substituting "2031".

The amendment to **CSSB 1445** 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.

CSSB 1445 as amended was passed to engrossment by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to engrossment.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 1445 ON THIRD READING**

Senator Paxton moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **CSSB 1445** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 1750 ON SECOND READING**

Senator Bettencourt moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 1750** at this time on its second reading:

CSSB 1750, Relating to abolishing the county elections administrator position in certain counties.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 20, Nays 11.

Yeas: Bettencourt, Birdwell, Campbell, Creighton, Flores, Hall, Hancock, Hinojosa, Huffman, Hughes, King, Kolkhorst, Middleton, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks, Springer.

Nays: Alvarado, Blanco, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, Johnson, LaMantia, Menéndez, Miles, West, Whitmire, Zaffirini.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment by the following vote: Yeas 20, Nays 11. (Same as previous roll call)

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 1750 ON THIRD READING**

Senator Bettencourt moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **CSSB 1750** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 25, Nays 6.

Yeas: Bettencourt, Birdwell, Blanco, Campbell, Creighton, Flores, Hall, Hancock, Hinojosa, Huffman, Hughes, Johnson, King, Kolkhorst, LaMantia, Menéndez, Middleton, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks, Springer, West.

Nays: Alvarado, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, Miles, Whitmire, Zaffirini.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 20, Nays 11.

Yeas: Bettencourt, Birdwell, Campbell, Creighton, Flores, Hall, Hancock, Hinojosa, Huffman, Hughes, King, Kolkhorst, Middleton, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks, Springer.

Nays: Alvarado, Blanco, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, Johnson, LaMantia, Menéndez, Miles, West, Whitmire, Zaffirini.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 177 ON THIRD READING**

Senator Middleton moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 177** at this time on its third reading and final passage:

CSSB 177, Relating to informed consent before provision of certain medical treatments and exemptions from COVID-19 vaccination requirements.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 20, Nays 11.

Yeas: Bettencourt, Birdwell, Blanco, Campbell, Creighton, Flores, Hall, Hancock, Huffman, Hughes, King, Kolkhorst, Middleton, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks, Springer.

Nays: Alvarado, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, Hinojosa, Johnson, LaMantia, Menéndez, Miles, West, Whitmire, Zaffirini.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 20, Nays 11. (Same as previous roll call)

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 1269 ON SECOND READING**

Senator Hughes moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 1269** at this time on its second reading:

CSSB 1269, Relating to admissibility and disclosure of certain evidence in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship filed by the Department of Family and Protective Services.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Eckhardt asked to be recorded as voting "Nay" on suspension of the regular order of business.

The bill was read second time and 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:

Nays: Eckhardt.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 1269 ON THIRD READING**

Senator Hughes moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **CSSB 1269** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Nays: Eckhardt.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1. (Same as previous roll call)

(Senator Birdwell in Chair)

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 220 ON SECOND READING**

Senator Bettencourt moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 220** at this time on its second reading:

CSSB 220, Relating to the enforcement of laws relating to elections.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 19, Nays 12.

Yeas: Bettencourt, Birdwell, Campbell, Creighton, Flores, Hall, Hancock, Huffman, Hughes, King, Kolkhorst, Middleton, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks, Springer.

Nays: Alvarado, Blanco, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, Hinojosa, Johnson, LaMantia, Menéndez, Miles, West, Whitmire, Zaffirini.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment by the following vote: Yeas 19, Nays 12. (Same as previous roll call)

SENATE BILL 1730 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Zaffirini and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **SB 1730** at this time on its second reading:

SB 1730, Relating to the processing of United States passport applications by a district court clerk; authorizing fees.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to engrossment.

SENATE BILL 1730 ON THIRD READING

Senator Zaffirini moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **SB 1730** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 2284 ON SECOND READING

Senator Middleton moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 2284** at this time on its second reading:

CSSB 2284, Relating to the sale of distilled spirits to ultimate consumers by the holder of a distiller's and rectifier's permit.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 24, Nays 6, Present-not voting 1.

Yeas: Alvarado, Bettencourt, Birdwell, Campbell, Creighton, Eckhardt, Flores, Hall, Hancock, Huffman, Hughes, King, Kolkhorst, Menéndez, Middleton, Miles, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Schwertner, Sparks, Springer, West, Whitmire.

Nays: Blanco, Gutierrez, Hinojosa, Johnson, Perry, Zaffirini.

Present-not voting: LaMantia.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment by the following vote: Yeas 24, Nays 6, Present-not voting 1. (Same as previous roll call)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 2284 ON THIRD READING

Senator Middleton moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **CSSB 2284** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 24, Nays 6, Present-not voting 1.

Yeas: Alvarado, Bettencourt, Birdwell, Campbell, Creighton, Eckhardt, Flores, Hall, Hancock, Huffman, Hughes, King, Kolkhorst, Menéndez, Middleton, Miles, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Schwertner, Sparks, Springer, West, Whitmire.

Nays: Blanco, Gutierrez, Hinojosa, Johnson, Perry, Zaffirini.

Present-not voting: LaMantia.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 24, Nays 6, Present-not voting 1. (Same as previous roll call)

(President in Chair)

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 1659 ON SECOND READING**

On motion of Senator Schwertner and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **CSSB 1659** at this time on its second reading:

CSSB 1659, Relating to the sunset review process and certain governmental entities subject to that process.

The bill was read second time.

Senator Schwertner offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 1

Amend **CSSB 1659** (senate committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to ARTICLE 1 of the bill and renumbering the remaining SECTIONS of ARTICLE 1 accordingly:

SECTION 1. __. TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE; DIVISION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE. Section 31.004, Insurance Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 31.004. SUNSET PROVISION. (a) The Texas Department of Insurance is subject to Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by that chapter, the department is abolished September 1, 2029 [~~2025~~].

(b) Unless continued as provided by Chapter 325, Government Code, the duties of the division of workers' compensation of the Texas Department of Insurance under Title 5, Labor Code, expire September 1, 2029 [~~2025~~], or another date designated by the legislature.

SECTION 1. __. OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSURANCE COUNSEL. Section 501.003, Insurance Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 501.003. SUNSET PROVISION. The office is subject to Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by that chapter, the office is abolished September 1, 2029 [~~2025~~].

SECTION 1. __. OFFICE OF INJURED EMPLOYEE COUNSEL. Section 404.003, Labor Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 404.003. SUNSET PROVISION. The office of injured employee counsel is subject to Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by that chapter, the office is abolished and this chapter expires September 1, 2029 [~~2025~~].

The amendment to **CSSB 1659** 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.

Senator Schwertner offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 2

Amend **CSSB 1659** (senate committee report) by striking ARTICLE 5 of the bill (page 5, lines 59 through 69 and page 6, lines 1 through 4) and renumbering subsequent ARTICLES of the bill accordingly.

The amendment to **CSSB 1659** 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.

CSSB 1659 as amended was passed to engrossment by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to engrossment.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 1659 ON THIRD READING**

Senator Schwertner moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **CSSB 1659** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

SENATE BILL 2275 ON SECOND READING

Senator Hughes moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **SB 2275** at this time on its second reading:

SB 2275, Relating to the authority of the Supreme Court of Texas to adopt certain rules.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 21, Nays 10.

Yeas: Bettencourt, Birdwell, Campbell, Creighton, Flores, Hall, Hancock, Hinojosa, Huffman, Hughes, King, Kolkhorst, Middleton, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks, Springer, West.

Nays: Alvarado, Blanco, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, Johnson, LaMantia, Menéndez, Miles, Whitmire, Zaffirini.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment by the following vote: Yeas 21, Nays 10. (Same as previous roll call)

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 593 ON SECOND READING**

On motion of Senator Sparks and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **CSSB 593** at this time on its second reading:

CSSB 593, Relating to an independent assessment of the Health and Human Services Commission's and the Department of Family and Protective Services' rules, minimum standards, and contract requirements that apply to certain residential child-care providers.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to engrossment.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 593 ON THIRD READING**

Senator Sparks moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **CSSB 593** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

**(Senator Birdwell in Chair)
SENATE RULE 5.14(a) SUSPENDED
(Intent Calendar)
(Motion In Writing)**

Senator Hall submitted the following Motion In Writing:

Mr. President:

I move suspension of Senate Rule 5.14, the Intent Calendar rule, in order to move the Intent Calendar deadline to 4 p.m. today.

HALL

The Motion In Writing was read and prevailed without objection.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 1212 ON SECOND READING**

Senator Johnson moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 1212** at this time on its second reading:

CSSB 1212, Relating to the interconnection and integration of distributed energy resources.

The motion prevailed.

Senators Creighton and Schwertner asked to be recorded as voting "Nay" on suspension of the regular order of business.

The bill was read second time.

Senator Johnson offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 1

Amend **CSSB 1212** (senate committee report) as follows:

(1) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in amended Section 31.002, Utilities Code (page 1, line 52), strike ", [✗]" and substitute "or".

(2) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in amended Section 31.002, Utilities Code (page 1, lines 53 and 54), strike ", municipally owned utility, or electric cooperative".

(3) In SECTION 2 of the bill, in added Section 39.3515(a), Utilities Code (page 2, line 14), strike ", municipally owned utility, or electric cooperative".

(4) In SECTION 3 of the bill, in added Section 39.701, Utilities Code (page 2, lines 40 and 41), strike ", municipally owned utility, or electric cooperative".

(5) In SECTION 3 of the bill, in added Section 39.702(a), Utilities Code:

(A) Strike ", municipally owned utility, or electric cooperative" (page 2, lines 55 and 56).

(B) Strike ", municipally owned utility's, or electric cooperative's" (page 2, lines 61 and 62).

(C) Strike ", municipally owned utility, or electric cooperative" (page 2, line 69 and page 3, line 1).

(D) Strike ", municipally owned utility's, or electric cooperative's" (page 3, lines 4 and 5).

(E) Strike ", municipally owned utility's, or electric cooperative's" (page 3, lines 8 and 9).

(6) In SECTION 3 of the bill, in added Section 39.702(b), Utilities Code (page 3, lines 25 and 26), strike "and, as applicable, a municipally owned utility or electric cooperative,".

(7) In SECTION 3 of the bill, in added Section 39.703, Utilities Code (page 4, lines 1 and 2), strike ", municipally owned utility, electric cooperative,".

(8) In SECTION 4 of the bill, in added Section 39.9166(h), Utilities Code (page 4, lines 59 and 60), strike ", municipally owned utility, or electric cooperative".

(9) In SECTION 5 of the bill, in added Section 39.9166(h), Utilities Code (page 5, lines 47 and 48), strike ", municipally owned utility, or electric cooperative".

The amendment to **CSSB 1212** 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.

Senator Johnson offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 2

Amend **CSSB 1212** (senate committee report) as follows:

(1) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in amended Section 31.002, Utilities Code (page 1, line 31), between "resource" and the underlined period, insert ", where each individual resource in the aggregation produces not more than 1.5 megawatts of electricity, subject to an increase or decrease by commission rule if the commission determines that a different capacity size limit is appropriate and does not adversely affect the ERCOT power region or distribution system reliability".

(2) In SECTION 2 of the bill, in added Section 39.3515(a), Utilities Code:

(A) In added Subdivision 2 (page 2, lines 6 and 7), strike "is part of an aggregated distributed energy resource and".

(B) In added Subdivision 2 (page 2, line 8), between "(A)" and "is", insert "is part of an aggregated distributed energy resource that".

(3) In SECTION 2 of the bill, in added Section 39.3515(c), Utilities Code:

(A) Strike "A" (page 2, line 20), and substitute "Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a".

(B) Strike "is" (page 2, line 20), and substitute "may".

(C) Strike "considered to" (page 2, line 21).

(D) Strike "a distributed energy resource" (page 2, line 21), and substitute "aggregated".

(E) Strike "either" (page 2, line 23).

(F) Strike added Subdivision (2) (page 2, lines 27 through 30), and substitute the following:

(2) the estimated annual amount of electricity to be produced by the facility is more than the retail electric customer's estimated annual electricity consumption at the time of the facility's installation or the actual amount of electricity produced by the facility was more than the retail electric customer's actual electricity consumption in the year prior to the facility's installation.

(4) In SECTION 3 of the bill, in added Section 39.701, Utilities Code (page 2, line 43), strike "access to".

(5) In SECTION ~~3~~ of the bill, in added Section 39.702(d), Utilities Code (page 3, line 65), strike ", to meet" and substitute "or prevent a transmission and distribution utility from fulfilling".

(6) In SECTION 4 of the bill, in added Section 39.9166(b), Utilities Code (page 4, lines 26 through 29), strike "through generating electricity and providing that electricity onto a distribution system in an area in which customer choice has been introduced in the manner provided by this section".

(7) In SECTION 4 of the bill, in added Section 39.9166, Utilities Code (page 4, lines 46 through 48), strike Subsection (e) and reletter the subsequent subsections accordingly.

(8) In SECTION 5 of the bill, in added Section 39.9166(b), Utilities Code (page 5, lines 14 through 17), strike "through generating electricity and providing that electricity onto a distribution system in an area in which customer choice has been introduced in the manner provided by this section".

(9) In SECTION 5 of the bill, in added Section 39.9166, Utilities Code (page 5, lines 34 through 36), strike Subsection (e) and reletter the subsequent subsections accordingly.

(10) Immediately after SECTION 5 of the bill (page 5, between lines 54 and 55), insert the following appropriately numbered SECTION and renumber the subsequent SECTIONS accordingly:

SECTION _____. For the purposes of Section 39.3515(c)(2), Utilities Code, as added by this Act, a facility described by Section 39.914 or 39.916, Utilities Code, may be registered as an aggregated distributed energy resource with the Public Utility Commission of Texas if:

(1) the estimated annual amount of electricity to be produced by the facility was more than the retail electric customer's estimated annual electricity consumption at the time of installation, if the facility was installed not more than a year before the effective date of this Act; or

(2) the actual amount of electricity produced by the facility was more than the retail electric customer's actual electricity consumption in the year prior to the facility's installation, if the facility was installed more than a year before the effective date of this Act.

The amendment to **CSSB 1212** 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.

CSSB 1212 as amended was passed to engrossment by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to engrossment.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 1212 ON THIRD READING**

Senator Johnson moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **CSSB 1212** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 2021 ON SECOND READING**

On motion of Senator Paxton and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **CSSB 2021** at this time on its second reading:

CSSB 2021, Relating to requirements for certain Internet websites containing sexual material harmful to minors; providing a civil penalty.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to engrossment.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 2021 ON THIRD READING**

Senator Paxton moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **CSSB 2021** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

(Senator Flores in Chair)

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 1893 ON SECOND READING**

On motion of Senator Birdwell and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **CSSB 1893** at this time on its second reading:

CSSB 1893, Relating to prohibiting the use of certain social media applications and services on devices owned or leased by governmental entities.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to engrossment.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 1893 ON THIRD READING**

Senator Birdwell moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **CSSB 1893** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

**(Senator Birdwell in Chair)
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 1861 ON SECOND READING**

Senator Bettencourt moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 1861** at this time on its second reading:

CSSB 1861, Relating to the provision of virtual education in public schools and to certain waivers and modifications by the commissioner of education to the method of calculating average daily attendance in an emergency or crisis for purposes of preserving school district funding entitlements under the Foundation School Program during that emergency or crisis; authorizing a fee.

The motion prevailed.

Senators Kolkhorst, Perry, and Schwertner asked to be recorded as voting "Nay" on suspension of the regular order of business.

The bill was read second time.

Senator Bettencourt offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 1

Amend **CSSB 1861** (senate committee report) as follows:

(1) In SECTION 4.01 of the bill, in the repealer, strike Subdivisions (9), (10), (11), and (12) (page 10, lines 24 through 27) and substitute the following:

(9) Sections 48.053(b-1) and (b-2); and

(10) Section 48.0071.

(2) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to ARTICLE 3 of the bill and renumber subsequent SECTIONS of that article accordingly:

SECTION 3.____. Section 48.104(f), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(f) A student receiving a full-time virtual education provided through a full-time virtual campus under Chapter 30B [~~through the state virtual school network~~] may be included in determining the number of students who are educationally disadvantaged and reside in an economically disadvantaged census block group under Subsection (b)

or (e), as applicable, if the school district submits to the commissioner a plan detailing the enhanced services that will be provided to the student and the commissioner approves the plan.

SECTION 3. ____. Section 48.111(b), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) For purposes of Subsection (a), in determining the number of students enrolled in a school district, the commissioner shall exclude students enrolled in the district who receive full-time instruction provided through a full-time virtual campus under Chapter 30B [~~through the state virtual school network under Chapter 30A~~].

The amendment to **CSSB 1861** 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.

Senator Hughes offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 2

Amend **CSSB 1861** (senate committee report) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to ARTICLE 1 of the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of that article accordingly:

SECTION 1. __. Subchapter A, Chapter 37, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 37.0071 to read as follows:

Sec. 37.0071. VIRTUAL EDUCATION AS ALTERNATIVE TO EXPULSION.

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), before a school district or open-enrollment charter school may expel a student, the district or school shall consider the appropriateness and feasibility of enrolling the student in a full-time virtual education program as an alternative to expulsion.

(b) Subsection (a) does not apply to a student expelled under Section 37.0081 or 37.007(a), (d), or (e).

The amendment to **CSSB 1861** 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.

CSSB 1861 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:

Nays: Kolkhorst, Perry, Schwertner.

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 1861 ON THIRD READING

Senator Bettencourt moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **CSSB 1861** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 3.

Yeas: Alvarado, Bettencourt, Birdwell, Blanco, Campbell, Creighton, Eckhardt, Flores, Gutierrez, Hall, Hancock, Hinojosa, Huffman, Hughes, Johnson, King, LaMantia, Menéndez, Middleton, Miles, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Sparks, Springer, West, Whitmire, Zaffirini.

Nays: Kolkhorst, Perry, Schwertner.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 3. (Same as previous roll call)

SENATE BILL 335 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Schwertner and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **SB 335** at this time on its second reading:

SB 335, Relating to meetings of the Family and Protective Services Council held using certain telecommunication devices.

The bill was read second time.

Senator Hall offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 1

Amend **SB 335** (senate committee printing) by striking SECTION 1 of the bill adding Section 40.021(g), Human Resources Code (page 1, lines 24-42), and substituting the following:

SECTION 1. Section 40.026, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) For each open meeting of the council, the department shall:

(1) broadcast over the Internet live video and audio of the meeting and provide access to the broadcast on the department's Internet website; or

(2) not later than the end of the second business day after the day a meeting is held, make available through the department's Internet website archived video and audio of the meeting until the second anniversary of the date the archived video and audio was first made available on the website.

The amendment to **SB 335** 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.

SB 335 as amended was passed to engrossment by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to engrossment.

SENATE BILL 335 ON THIRD READING

Senator Schwertner moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **SB 335** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SENATE BILL 1060 ON THIRD READING**

Senator Hughes moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 1060** at this time on its third reading and final passage:

CSSB 1060, Relating to the adoption of political shareholder proposals by insurers and insurer holding companies.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 19, Nays 12.

Yeas: Bettencourt, Birdwell, Campbell, Creighton, Flores, Hall, Hancock, Huffman, Hughes, King, Kolkhorst, Middleton, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks, Springer.

Nays: Alvarado, Blanco, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, Hinojosa, Johnson, LaMantia, Menéndez, Miles, West, Whitmire, Zaffirini.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 19, Nays 12. (Same as previous roll call)

**MOTION TO PLACE
SENATE BILL 990 ON SECOND READING**

Senator Hall moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **SB 990** at this time on its second reading:

SB 990, Relating to elimination of the countywide polling place program.

Senator Hall withdrew the motion to suspend the regular order of business.

REMARKS ORDERED PRINTED

On motion of Senator Perry and by unanimous consent, the remarks by Senators Hall and Perry regarding **SB 990** on suspension of the regular order of business were ordered reduced to writing and printed in the *Senate Journal* as follows:

Presiding Officer: Senator Perry, for what purpose?

Senator Perry: This is for the author.

Presiding Officer: Do you yield, Senator Hall?

Senator Hall: Yes, Sir.

Senator Perry: I want to make sure—

Presiding Officer: You're recognized, Senator Perry.

Senator Perry: —I want to just make sure this is election day only. That if you have open early voting like in my community, we have grocery stores during the early voting periods where you can pretty much vote anywhere those grocery stores are available or other access, but is this election day only you go back to your precincts?

Senator Hall: No, which, this is on both of them, yeah.

Senator Perry: If it's not election day voting only that you back to your precincts, which is way Lubbock does it, on election day you lose the privilege of picking a place that's handy and you're forced to your precinct. We're doing exactly what this bill does, I thought. I want to confirm, this is for election day only that you will show

up at your precinct voting place versus your early vote. If not, I would hope that you'd take an amendment to secure that. If it does, then let's make sure for the record of intent that it does. And if you don't want to do that, then I'm okay with that. I just need to know.

Senator Hall: This only affects election day voting.

Senator Perry: Only election day voting. So, on the early votes they do whatever they've been doing with no change, and my community does that, so we're good. For intent purposes, and I hate to suggest it, but I am going to ask for this conversation to be in the Journal. Alright? So, thank you, Sir, for that clarification, and I'm sorry to have stumped you. I was just sitting here listening. I like the way it works in Lubbock and I didn't want to change that. So, appreciate it.

SENATE BILL ON FIRST READING

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

SB 2608 by Zaffirini

Relating to the creation of the Martindale Municipal Utility District No. 1 of Caldwell County, Texas; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

To Committee on Local Government.

HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING

The following bills received from the House were read first time and referred to the committees indicated:

HB 53 to Committee on Transportation.

HB 113 to Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 166 to Committee on Education.

HB 255 to Committee on State Affairs.

HB 279 to Committee on Criminal Justice.

HB 367 to Committee on State Affairs.

HB 513 to Committee on Criminal Justice.

HB 542 to Committee on Veteran Affairs.

HB 560 to Committee on Transportation.

HB 567 to Committee on State Affairs.

HB 568 to Committee on Criminal Justice.

HB 591 to Committee on Finance.

HB 699 to Committee on Education.

HB 728 to Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 767 to Committee on Criminal Justice.

HB 783 to Committee on Local Government.

HB 842 to Committee on Transportation.

HB 852 to Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 866 to Committee on Local Government.

HB 998 to Committee on Business and Commerce.

HB 1040 to Committee on Business and Commerce.

HB 1074 to Committee on Business and Commerce.
HB 1157 to Committee on Education.
HB 1167 to Committee on Health and Human Services.
HB 1263 to Committee on Transportation.
HB 1358 to Committee on Education.
HB 1389 to Committee on Water, Agriculture, and Rural Affairs.
HB 1440 to Committee on Local Government.
HB 1486 to Committee on Criminal Justice.
HB 1504 to Committee on Criminal Justice.
HB 1550 to Committee on Business and Commerce.
HB 1602 to Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development.
HB 1615 to Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development.
HB 1633 to Committee on Veteran Affairs.
HB 1635 to Committee on State Affairs.
HB 1706 to Committee on Business and Commerce.
HB 1730 to Committee on Criminal Justice.
HB 1805 to Committee on Health and Human Services.
HB 1809 to Committee on Water, Agriculture, and Rural Affairs.
HB 1825 to Committee on State Affairs.
HB 1845 to Committee on Water, Agriculture, and Rural Affairs.
HB 1871 to Committee on Transportation.
HB 1901 to Committee on Business and Commerce.
HB 1903 to Committee on Business and Commerce.
HB 1910 to Committee on Criminal Justice.
HB 1928 to Committee on Veteran Affairs.
HB 2015 to Committee on State Affairs.
HB 2188 to Committee on Business and Commerce.
HB 2248 to Committee on Veteran Affairs.
HB 2249 to Committee on Local Government.
HB 2309 to Committee on Business and Commerce.
HB 2314 to Committee on Business and Commerce.
HB 2484 to Committee on Education.
HB 2732 to Committee on Local Government.
HB 2749 to Committee on Veteran Affairs.
HB 2759 to Committee on Water, Agriculture, and Rural Affairs.
HB 2921 to Committee on Transportation.
HB 3106 to Committee on Transportation.
HB 3108 to Committee on Transportation.
HB 3245 to Committee on Local Government.
HB 4073 to Committee on Local Government.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

HOUSE CHAMBER

Austin, Texas

Tuesday, April 18, 2023 - 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:

HB 54 Thompson, Senfronia

Relating to the personal needs allowance for certain Medicaid recipients who are residents of long-term care facilities.

HB 73 Murr

Relating to limitation of certain liability of owners, lessees, and occupants of land in connection with livestock and agricultural land.

HB 92 Landgraf

Relating to the authority of a municipality, county, or property owners' association to prohibit or regulate certain activities on residence homestead property.

HB 465 Thierry

Relating to a pilot program to provide Medicaid coverage of doula services.

HB 473 Hull

Relating to parental rights regarding a threat assessment of a student conducted by a public school's threat assessment and safe and supportive school team.

HB 540 Longoria

Relating to the award of library construction grants by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

HB 587 Patterson

Relating to the cremation of deceased veterans with a United States flag or Texas state flag and the incineration of those flags through the cremation process.

HB 899 Walle

Relating to the authority of certain counties to regulate noise levels in residential areas; creating a criminal offense.

HB 916 Ordaz

Relating to health benefit plan coverage of prescription contraceptive drugs.

HB 1038 Cain

Relating to a biennial report on state lending and credit support programs.

HB 1287 Guillen

Relating to adjusting for inflation the maximum amount of a motor vehicle excluded in determining eligibility for the supplemental nutrition assistance program.

HB 1323 Talarico

Relating to the measures to encourage eligible students to claim certain tuition and fee exemptions at public institutions of higher education for students who are or have been in foster or other residential care.

- HB 1415** Raymond
Relating to lighting equipment requirements for motor vehicles.
- HB 1595** Bonnen
Relating to the administration and investment of, and distribution and use of money from, certain constitutional and statutory funds to support general academic teaching institutions in achieving national prominence as major research universities and driving the state economy; redesignating the national research university fund as the Texas University Fund.
- HB 1760** Hefner
Relating to the prosecution of the offense of possessing a weapon in certain prohibited places associated with schools or postsecondary educational institutions.
- HB 1846** Ashby
Relating to the skills test required for a commercial driver's license for certain commercial learner's permit holders.
- HB 1898** Jetton
Relating to a grant program to fund the provision by children's hospitals of mental and behavioral health services to children in this state.
- HB 1912** Button
Relating to student buildings fees at The University of Texas at Dallas.
- HB 2243** Campos
Relating to the provision of assistance to elderly persons in obtaining certain protective orders.
- HB 2384** Leach
Relating to court administration, including the knowledge, efficiency, training, and transparency requirements for candidates for or holders of judicial offices.
- HB 2416** Paul
Relating to creation of the gulf coast protection trust fund to be administered by the General Land Office.
- HB 3059** King, Tracy O.
Relating to the export fee charged for the transfer of groundwater from a groundwater conservation district.
- HB 3805** Canales
Relating to the program categories in the unified transportation program.
- HB 4065** Rose
Relating to required reporting by the Department of Family and Protective Services regarding youth in the managing conservatorship of the department who attempt suicide.
- HB 4422** Canales
Relating to a study on enhancing border security outcomes through public safety, technological, and transportation infrastructure improvements near Texas-Mexico border crossings.

HJR 3

Bonnen

Proposing a constitutional amendment renaming the national research university fund as the Texas University Fund, providing for the appropriation of certain investment income from the economic stabilization fund to the Texas University Fund, excepting appropriations to and from the Texas University Fund from the constitutional limit on the rate of growth of appropriations, and appropriating money from the general revenue fund to the Texas University Fund for purposes of providing funding to certain public institutions of higher education to achieve national prominence as major research universities and drive the state economy.

SB 240

Campbell

Sponsor: Howard

Relating to workplace violence prevention in certain health facilities.
(Amended)

Respectfully,

/s/Stephen Brown,

Chief Clerk

House of Representatives

**SENATE RULES SUSPENDED
(Posting Rules)**

On motion of Senator Perry and by unanimous consent, Senate Rule 11.10(a) and Senate Rule 11.18(a) were suspended in order that the Committee on Water, Agriculture, and Rural Affairs might meet upon recess in the Press Room, 2E.9.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Senator Sparks submitted the following report from the Committee on Nominations:

We, your Committee on Nominations, to which were referred the following appointments, have had same under consideration and report them back to the Senate with a recommendation that they be confirmed:

Chair, State Board of Education: Keven Mirk Anthony Ellis, Angelina County.

Members, Board, Department of Information Resources: Jeffrey William Allison, Harris County; Christopher Franke, Dallas County.

Member, Judicial Compensation Commission: Guy A. Fidelie, Wichita County.

Public Counsel, Office of Public Insurance Counsel: David Bolduc, Travis County.

Members, Board of Trustees, Teacher Retirement System of Texas: Brittney Groce Allred, Dallas County; John Webster Elliott, Travis County; Elvis Donnell Williams, Kendall County.

Members, Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners: Manuel Antonio Domenech, Travis County; Donivan Jay Hodge, Travis County; Omar Palomin, Hidalgo County.

Members, State Board of Trustees, Texas Emergency Services Retirement System: Bradley Christopher Landi, Travis County; Pilar Rodriguez, Hidalgo County; Brian James Smith, Travis County.

Members, Texas Forensic Science Commission: Patrick Buzzini, Harris County; Michael Dale Coble, Tarrant County; Nancy Ruth Downing, Brazos County; Jasmine Millican Drake, Harris County.

Members, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board: Syed Anwar, Midland County; Richard L. Clemmer, Travis County; Daniel O. Wong, Fort Bend County.

Members, Texas Medical Board: Michael E. Cokinos, Harris County; Kandace B. Farmer, Tarrant County; LuAnn Roberts Morgan, Dallas County; Jayaram B. Naidu, Midland County; Ebony Victoria Todd, Bell County; Sherif Zaafran, Harris County.

Member, Board of Directors, Texas Permanent School Fund Corporation: Bradfield Denman Wright, Harris County.

Members, Texas Racing Commission: Rebecca A. Contreras, Williamson County; Constance Couch McNabb, Montgomery County; Arvel Jackson Waight, Gillespie County.

Members, Board of Directors, Texas School Safety Center: Isaac William Avera, Cherokee County; Craig Robert Bessent, Taylor County; Kerri Washam Brady, Harris County; Melissa Dee Dunbar, Kerr County; Edwin Stuart Flores, Dallas County; Cary B. Hedrick, Deaf Smith County; James Michael Mosley, Hutchinson County; Teresa K. Oldham, Williamson County; Noe Eduardo Perez, Cameron County; Michael Lee Slaughter, Collin County; Jill Michelle Tate, Tarrant County; Alan S. Trevino, Burnet County.

NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF NOMINATIONS

Senator Sparks gave notice that tomorrow he would submit to the Senate for consideration nominations to agencies, boards, and commissions of the state.

SENATE RULES SUSPENDED (Posting Rules)

On motion of Senator Bettencourt and by unanimous consent, Senate Rule 11.10(a) and Senate Rule 11.18(a) were suspended in order that the Committee on Local Government might meet and consider the following bills upon recess in the Betty King Committee Room: **SB 2579**, **SB 2608**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 164

On motion of Senator Campbell, Senator Kolkhorst will be shown as Co-author of **SB 164**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 177

On motion of Senator Middleton, Senator Creighton will be shown as Co-author of **SB 177**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 220

On motion of Senator Bettencourt, Senator Hughes will be shown as Co-author of **SB 220**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 258

On motion of Senator Eckhardt, Senator Zaffirini will be shown as Co-author of **SB 258**.

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 267

On motion of Senator King, Senators Flores and West will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 267**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 338

On motion of Senator Hinojosa, Senator Eckhardt will be shown as Co-author of **SB 338**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 622

On motion of Senator Parker, Senator Blanco will be shown as Co-author of **SB 622**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 1000

On motion of Senator West, Senator Bettencourt will be shown as Co-author of **SB 1000**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 1029

On motion of Senator Hall, Senator Kolkhorst will be shown as Co-author of **SB 1029**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 1182

On motion of Senator Eckhardt, Senator West will be shown as Co-author of **SB 1182**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 1212

On motion of Senator Johnson, Senator Eckhardt will be shown as Co-author of **SB 1212**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 1356

On motion of Senator Miles, Senator Johnson will be shown as Co-author of **SB 1356**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 1376

On motion of Senator Parker, Senator Hinojosa will be shown as Co-author of **SB 1376**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 1396

On motion of Senator Middleton, Senator Kolkhorst will be shown as Co-author of **SB 1396**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 1515

On motion of Senator King, Senator Kolkhorst will be shown as Co-author of **SB 1515**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 1519

On motion of Senator King, Senator Eckhardt will be shown as Co-author of **SB 1519**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 1556

On motion of Senator Parker, Senator Kolkhorst will be shown as Co-author of **SB 1556**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 1600

On motion of Senator Hughes, Senator Kolkhorst will be shown as Co-author of **SB 1600**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 1629

On motion of Senator Kolkhorst, Senator Schwertner will be shown as Co-author of **SB 1629**.

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 1893

On motion of Senator Birdwell, Senators Creighton, Kolkhorst, and Paxton will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 1893**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 1970

On motion of Senator Bettencourt, Senator King will be shown as Co-author of **SB 1970**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 2018

On motion of Senator Flores, Senator Creighton will be shown as Co-author of **SB 2018**.

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 2021

On motion of Senator Paxton, Senators Kolkhorst and Menéndez will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 2021**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 2032

On motion of Senator Creighton, Senator Paxton will be shown as Co-author of **SB 2032**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 2072

On motion of Senator Bettencourt, Senator Hinojosa will be shown as Co-author of **SB 2072**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 2416

On motion of Senator Johnson, Senator West will be shown as Co-author of **SB 2416**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 70

On motion of Senator Hughes, Senator Kolkhorst will be shown as Co-author of **SJR 70**.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE RESOLUTION 433

On motion of Senator Birdwell, Senator Hughes will be shown as Co-author of **SR 433**.

CO-SPONSOR OF HOUSE BILL 446

On motion of Senator Kolkhorst, Senator LaMantia will be shown as Co-sponsor of **HB 446**.

RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION

The following resolutions were adopted by the Senate:

Memorial Resolution

SR 442 by West, In memory of Bruce Anthony August Jr.

Congratulatory Resolutions

SR 438 by West, Recognizing Joycelyn Marie Franklin for 50 years of service to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

SR 439 by West, Recognizing Donna Sue Edwards for 50 years of service to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

Official Designation Resolutions

SR 432 by Birdwell, Recognizing May 7 through 13, 2023, as Waco Travel and Tourism Week.

SR 435 by Zaffirini, Recognizing April 18, 2023, as La Salle County Day.

RECESS

On motion of Senator Whitmire, the Senate at 4:14 p.m. recessed until 11:00 a.m. tomorrow.

APPENDIX

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

April 18, 2023

STATE AFFAIRS — **SB 2258**

WATER, AGRICULTURE, AND RURAL AFFAIRS — **CSSB 1648, CSSJR 74**

EDUCATION — **SB 1475, SB 2407**

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES — **CSSB 1447, CSSB 51, CSSB 1581**

WATER, AGRICULTURE, AND RURAL AFFAIRS — **CSSB 317, CSSB 893, CSSB 469, CSSB 2592**

STATE AFFAIRS — **SB 569, CSSB 997, SB 1322, SB 1367, SB 1678, CSSB 1780, SB 1932, SB 2171, SB 2208, SB 2509**

BUSINESS AND COMMERCE — **CSSB 624, CSSB 1344, CSSB 2112, CSSJR 82, CSSB 1094, CSSB 1866**

CRIMINAL JUSTICE — **CSSB 435**

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES — **CSSB 2468, CSSB 1467, CSSB 1379**

BILLS ENGROSSED

April 18, 2023

SB 177, SB 335, SB 526, SB 553, SB 593, SB 926, SB 1060, SB 1212, SB 1232, SB 1243, SB 1269, SB 1445, SB 1600, SB 1659, SB 1730, SB 1750, SB 1861, SB 1893, SB 2018, SB 2021, SB 2284

RESOLUTIONS ENROLLED

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SR 430, SR 432, SR 433, SR 434, SR 435, SR 436, SR 438, SR 439, SR 442

SENT TO GOVERNOR

April 18, 2023

SCR 32, SCR 37