# SENATE JOURNAL

**EIGHTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE — REGULAR SESSION**

**AUSTIN, TEXAS**

**PROCEEDINGS**

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**THIRTY-SIXTH DAY**
(Continued)
(Thursday, May 8, 2025)

**AFTER RECESS**

The Senate met at 11:35 a.m. and was called to order by Senator Flores.

Pastor Mike Roberson, First Baptist Church, Canton, offered the invocation as follows:

> Father, I come before You this morning asking for wisdom for these servants of Texas. Thank You, Lord, for giving us human government to help meet the needs of those that we love, our neighbors. Please give each Member here today insight to see people the way You see people, Lord. I pray that You would bring heavenly resources to bear to meet the earthly needs in this room. I pray that each Member would seek Your guidance and seek Your kingdom above their own. I pray that the effectiveness of this session be reflective of Your grace, mercy, and power. I pray that Jesus would be honored in all the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts. I pray that each Member here would sense Your presence and have the peace that passes understanding as they face each issue. I pray for each Member of this body that faces struggles in their own lives. Bring comfort, peace, and provision to each one. I pray that we would all glorify You in everything we do and say this day. And I pray that the State of Texas would lead this nation back to surrender to the one true God. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator Hall was recognized and introduced to the Senate Dr. Mike Roberson and his wife, Kari.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

**MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE**

HOUSE CHAMBER
Austin, Texas
Thursday, May 8, 2025 - 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 123** Dutton

Relating to measures to support kindergarten readiness and early literacy and numeracy skills for public school students and to funding to support those measures.

**HB 1237** Guillen

Relating to the renewal by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality of certain expired occupational licenses and registrations.

**HB 1639** Patterson

Relating to a study on the increased incidence of cancer in female firefighters in this state.

**HB 2026** Frank

Relating to the designation of a portion of State Highway 25 in Archer County as the U.S. Army Gary C. and U.S.M.C. Gary S. Johnston Memorial Highway.

**HB 2282** Lopez, Janie

Relating to the amount of the reimbursement fee paid by a defendant for a peace officer's services in executing or processing an arrest warrant, capias, or capias pro fine.

**HB 2310** Ordaz

Relating to developing a strategic plan for the improvement and expansion of early learning and educational opportunities for young children with disabilities.

**HB 2703** Raymond

Relating to designating July as American Patriotism Month.

**HB 2802** Bucy

Relating to the administration of, contributions to, and benefits under retirement systems for firefighters in certain municipalities.

**HB 3033** Craddick

Relating to a grant program for nonprofit organizations supporting employees of the Department of Public Safety; authorizing voluntary contributions.

**HB 3556** Vasut

Relating to measures to minimize the impact on migratory birds of structures exceeding a certain height in certain counties containing National Wildlife Refuges and in adjacent counties.

**HB 3751** Ashby

Relating to the transfer of certain real property from the Texas Department of Transportation to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

**HB 4464** González, Mary

Relating to the provision of workers' compensation insurance coverage for certain Texas Task Force 1 members and intrastate fire mutual aid system team and regional incident management team members.

**HB 4655** Hull

Relating to the Preparation for Adult Living Program and other services for foster children transitioning to independent living.

**HB 4666** Manuel

Relating to certain reports required to be prepared or submitted by or in collaboration with the Health and Human Services Commission or submitted to the governor or a member of the legislature under the Health and Safety Code.

**HB 4751** Capriglione

Relating to the establishment and administration of the Texas Quantum Initiative.

**HB 4877** Paul

Relating to the Texas Property and Casualty Insurance Guaranty Association.

**HB 4894** Flores

Relating to the boundaries of, and validating certain acts and proceedings of, the Creedmoor Municipal Utility District.

**HB 4996** Dyson

Relating to increasing the criminal penalty for the offense of refusal to execute the release of a fraudulent lien or claim.

**HB 5088** Spiller

Relating to the major events reimbursement program and the events trust fund.

**HB 5437** Kitzman

Relating to the validation of the creation of and certain acts of the Austin County Municipal Utility District No. 1.

**HB 5650** Flores

Relating to the creation of the Travis County Municipal Utility District No. 40; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

**HB 5652** Metcalf

Relating to the creation of the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 258; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

**HB 5654** Metcalf

Relating to the creation of the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 263; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

**HB 5656** Lalani

Relating to the creation of the Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 263; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

**HB 5658** Patterson

Relating to the creation of the Craver Ranch Municipal Management District No. 1; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments and fees; granting a limited power of eminent domain.

**HB 5661** Gates

Relating to the creation of the Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 286; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

**HB 5665** Kitzman

Relating to the creation of the Waller County Municipal Utility District No. 70; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

**HB 5666** Oliverson

Relating to the creation of the Fenske Road Municipal Utility District of Harris County; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

**HB 5667** Olcott

Relating to the chairman of the juvenile board of Parker County.

**HCR 7** Tepper

Designating September 29 as Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Day for a 10-year period ending in 2035.

**HCR 86** Hayes

Designating Denton as the official Halloween Capital of Texas for a 10-year period ending in 2035.

**HCR 92** Collier

Designating the fourth Thursday of March as Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day for a 10-year period ending in 2035.

**HCR 98** Plesa

Urging Congress to enhance coordination among federal, state, and local authorities in the deployment of C-UAS technologies for border security.

**HCR 126** Ashby

Designating Corrigan as the official Timber Products Capital of Texas for a 10-year period ending in 2035.

**SB 1245** Blanco Sponsor: Morales, Eddie

Relating to the taking of certain aoudad sheep by using a helicopter.
(Amended)

**SB 1316** Cook Sponsor: Cunningham

Relating to a prohibition on e-cigarette advertising in certain locations.

**SB 1364** Nichols Sponsor: Gerdes

Relating to the repeal of wheelbase and horsepower restrictions for the state's passenger vehicle fleet.

**SB 1422** Hughes Sponsor: Hefner

Relating to the designation of a portion of Farm-to-Market Road 852 in Upshur County as the Petty Officer Billy Machen Bridge.
(Amended)

**SB 1744** Hughes Sponsor: Hefner
Relating to the designation of State Loop 255 in Camp County as the Camp County Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway.

Respectfully,

/s/Stephen Brown,
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

**MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**

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

May 8, 2025
Austin, Texas

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

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

To be members of the Credit Union Commission for terms to expire February 15, 2031:

Sara Jones Oates
Austin, Texas
*(replacing Elizabeth L. "Liz" Bayless of Austin whose term expired)*

David F. Shurtz
Hudson Oaks, Texas
*(Mr. Shurtz is being reappointed)*

Terrolyn "Kay" Rankin Swan
Monahans, Texas
*(Ms. Swan is being reappointed)*

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Greg Abbott
Governor

May 8, 2025
Austin, Texas

TO THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH 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 Forensic Science Commission for terms to expire September 1, 2026:

Patrick Buzzini, Ph.D.
Spring, Texas
*(Dr. Buzzini is being reappointed)*

Michael D. Coble, Ph.D.
Keller, Texas
*(Dr. Coble is being reappointed)*

Jasmine M. Drake, Ph.D.
Houston, Texas
*(Dr. Drake is being reappointed)*

Stacey A. Mitchell, D.N.P.
Magnolia, Texas
*(replacing Nancy R. Downing, Ph.D. of College Station whose term expired)*

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Greg Abbott
Governor

**PHYSICIAN OF THE DAY**

Senator Parker was recognized and presented Dr. Khanh Truong of Flower Mound as the Physician of the Day.

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

**SENATE RESOLUTION 497**

Senator Eckhardt offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Austin Habitat for Humanity on the occasion of its 40th anniversary and on its collaboration with the 2025 Carter Work Project; and

WHEREAS, For four decades, the staff, donors, community partners, and volunteers of Austin Habitat for Humanity have worked to uphold the organization's core principle and belief that all people deserve a safe and affordable place to live by building a better future for Central Texans and by strengthening communities in Bastrop, Blanco, Caldwell, Hays, and Travis Counties; and

WHEREAS, In addition to enabling the construction of homes, Austin Habitat for Humanity expands access for families to obtain affordable housing by addressing such issues as marginalization, land use policy, and high population density in Central Texas; and

WHEREAS, Austin Habitat for Humanity will celebrate 40 years of advocacy in May of 2025, and it will continue its commitment to service throughout the anniversary year by hosting the 2025 Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Project from October 26 through 31; this highly anticipated annual event has traveled to locations nationally and worldwide to unite thousands of volunteers, officials, and public

figures to build homes and to highlight the critical need for affordable homeownership opportunities; this year's event in eastern Travis County will begin construction on the first fully geothermal neighborhood in the United States; and

WHEREAS, In the course of this exemplary 40-year program, the Carter Work Project has made a difference in the lives of countless families; it is indeed fitting that Austin Habitat for Humanity is honored with the opportunity to host this year's historic event in concurrance with its 40th anniversary celebration; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby commend the staff, volunteers, and stakeholders of Austin Habitat for Humanity on their contributions to housing accessibility in Central Texas and extend to all best wishes for a memorable anniversary celebration and for a successful and rewarding 2025 Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Project event; and, be it further

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

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**SR 497** was read and was adopted without objection.

## GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Eckhardt was recognized and introduced to the Senate an Austin Habitat for Humanity delegation.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

## GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator A. Hinojosa, joined by Senators J. Hinojosa and Bettencourt, was recognized and introduced to the Senate The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley Chess Team including Grandmasters Gleb Dudin, Shawn Rodrigue-Lemieux, and Jose Cardoso; and International Masters Jakub Fus and Ekin Ozenir; accompanied by Grandmaster Coach Bartek Macieja and Program Manager Anthony "Colt" Smith-Munoz.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

## SENATE RESOLUTION 498

Senator Gutierrez offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Ryan Ayala of San Antonio is graduating from St. Mary's University School of Law on May 17, 2025; and

WHEREAS, While attending St. Mary's, Mr. Ayala has served as a dean's research fellow and clerked with the child support division of the Office of the Attorney General of Texas; he has accepted an associate position with Cordell & Cordell, where he currently works as a law clerk; he earned his bachelor's degree in government and history from The University of Texas at Austin in 2022; and

WHEREAS, A native of San Antonio, Mr. Ayala benefits his hometown by volunteering with the mock trial program at his alma mater, East Central High School, as well as with the South Texas Mustangs youth baseball team; in addition, he has held leadership positions with the Bexar County SD19 Tejano Democrats and the Bexar County Democratic Party; after graduation, he plans to continue serving his community by holding public office; and

WHEREAS, Exciting challenges and opportunities await this outstanding young Texan, and it is a pleasure to join his family and friends in recognizing him as he embarks on a future bright with promise; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature hereby congratulate Ryan Ayala on his graduation from St. Mary's University School of Law and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for Mr. Ayala as an expression of high regard by the Texas Senate.

**SR 498** was read and was adopted without objection.

## GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Gutierrez was recognized and introduced to the Senate Ryan Ayala, accompanied by his mother, Joann Ramon.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

## SENATE RESOLUTION 506

Senator Paxton offered the following resolution:

**SR 506**, Recognizing May 2025 as Jewish American Heritage Month.

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| ECKHARDT | HUGHES | |

The resolution was read and was adopted without objection.

## GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Paxton was recognized and introduced to the Senate a Jewish American Heritage Month delegation including Ambassadors for Israel International representatives Jimmy McClintock and Hava McClintock, accompanied by Alma McClintock and Bobby Gallana.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

## BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS SIGNED

The Presiding Officer announced the signing of the following enrolled bills and resolutions in the presence of the Senate after the captions had been read:

**HCR 128**.
**HB 912**.
**SB 29**, **SB 305**, **SB 326**, **SB 463**, **SB 494**, **SB 530**, **SB 769**, **SB 783**, **SB 856**, **SB 1169**, **SB 1238**, **SB 1967**, **SB 2196**, **SB 2312**, **SCR 29**.

## SENATE RESOLUTION

The following resolution was offered:

**SR 505** by Kolkhorst, Recognizing April 24, 2025, as Austin County Day.

The resolution was read and was adopted by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the adoption of the resolution.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS POSTPONED

The Presiding Officer announced that the introduction of bills and resolutions on first reading would be further postponed until the end of today's calendar.

There was no objection.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Senators Menéndez and Bettencourt acknowledged the election of the first American Pope, Robert Prevost.

## COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 2587 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Zaffirini and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **CSSB 2587** at this time on its second reading:

**CSSB 2587**, Relating to the access to and use of certain criminal history record information, to the procedure for obtaining that information, and to the correct terminology for certain licenses the issuance of which requires a criminal history background check.

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 2587 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 **CSSB 2587** 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 612 ON SECOND READING**

On motion of Senator J. Hinojosa and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **CSSB 612** at this time on its second reading:

**CSSB 612**, Relating to the authority of certain conservation and reclamation districts to impose fees for the construction of certain pipelines and associated infrastructure.

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 612 ON THIRD READING**

Senator J. Hinojosa moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **CSSB 612** 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 517 ON SECOND READING**

On motion of Senator Middleton and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **CSSB 517** at this time on its second reading:

**CSSB 517**, Relating to gambling criminal offenses and a defense to prosecution for a gambling offense; increasing criminal penalties.

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 517 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 517** 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.

**(President in Chair)**

## COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 571 ON SECOND READING

Senator Bettencourt moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 571** at this time on its second reading:

**CSSB 571**, Relating to the reporting and investigation of certain misconduct and child abuse and neglect; creating a criminal offense.

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 571 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 571** 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)

## COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 1263 ON SECOND READING

Senator Alvarado moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 1263** at this time on its second reading:

**CSSB 1263**, Relating to a pilot program for the safe disposal of prescription drugs, including controlled substance prescription drugs.

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

Yeas: Alvarado, Bettencourt, Birdwell, Blanco, Campbell, Cook, Creighton, Eckhardt, Flores, Gutierrez, Hall, Hancock, J. Hinojosa, Huffman, Johnson, King, Kolkhorst, Menéndez, Middleton, Miles, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks, West, Zaffirini.

Nays: Hagenbuch, A. Hinojosa, Hughes.

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

## COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 1263 ON THIRD READING

Senator Alvarado moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **CSSB 1263** 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, Cook, Creighton, Eckhardt, Flores, Gutierrez, Hall, Hancock, J. Hinojosa, Huffman, Johnson, King, Kolkhorst, Menéndez, Middleton, Miles, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks, West, Zaffirini.

Nays: Hagenbuch, A. Hinojosa, Hughes.

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

## RECESS

On motion of Senator Zaffirini, the Senate at 12:54 p.m. recessed until 1:20 p.m. today.

## AFTER RECESS

The Senate met at 1:41 p.m. and was called to order by Senator Bettencourt.

## SENATE BILL 945 ON SECOND READING

Senator Hughes moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **SB 945** at this time on its second reading:

**SB 945**, Relating to the adoption of political shareholder proposals by insurers and insurer holding companies.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 20, Nays 10, Present-not voting 1.

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

Nays: Alvarado, Blanco, Cook, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, J. Hinojosa, Johnson, Menéndez, West, Zaffirini.

Present-not voting: Miles.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment by the following vote: Yeas 20, Nays 10, Present-not voting 1. (Same as previous roll call)

## SENATE BILL 1117 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 1117** at this time on its second reading:

**SB 1117**, Relating to the administration of botulinum toxin by dentists.

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 1117 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 1117** 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.

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 98 ON SECOND READING

Senator Birdwell moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **HJR 98** at this time on its second reading:

**HJR 98**, Applying to the Congress of the United States to call a convention under Article V of the United States Constitution for the limited purpose of proposing one or more amendments to the constitution to impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, to limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and to limit the terms of office of federal officials and members of Congress.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 18, Nays 13.

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

Nays: Alvarado, Blanco, Cook, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, Hall, J. Hinojosa, Johnson, Menéndez, Miles, Paxton, West, Zaffirini.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted by the following vote: Yeas 17, Nays 14.

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

Nays: Alvarado, Blanco, Cook, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, Hall, A. Hinojosa, J. Hinojosa, Johnson, Menéndez, Miles, Paxton, West, Zaffirini.

## COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 142 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Perry and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **CSHB 142** at this time on its second reading:

**CSHB 142**, Relating to the Health and Human Services Commission's office of inspector general, the review of certain Medicaid claims, and the recovery of certain overpayments under Medicaid.

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

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

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE**
**HOUSE BILL 142 ON THIRD READING**

Senator Perry moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **CSHB 142** 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 946 ON SECOND READING**

Senator Hughes moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 946** at this time on its second reading:

**CSSB 946**, Relating to the prohibition on certain discrimination in the extension of credit to organizations based on social credit or value-based standards.

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

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

Nays: Alvarado, Blanco, Cook, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, J. Hinojosa, Johnson, Menéndez, Miles, West, 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)

**(Senator Flores in Chair)**

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE**
**SENATE BILL 2477 ON SECOND READING**

Senator Bettencourt moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 2477** at this time on its second reading:

**CSSB 2477**, Relating to certain municipal regulation of conversion of certain office buildings to mixed-use and multifamily residential occupancy.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 26, Nays 5.

Yeas: Bettencourt, Birdwell, Blanco, Campbell, Creighton, Flores, Gutierrez, Hagenbuch, Hall, Hancock, A. Hinojosa, J. Hinojosa, Huffman, Hughes, King, Kolkhorst, Menéndez, Middleton, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks, West, Zaffirini.

Nays: Alvarado, Cook, Eckhardt, Johnson, Miles.

The bill was read second time.

Senator Bettencourt offered the following amendment to the bill:

**Floor Amendment No. 1**

Amend **CSSB 2477** (senate committee printing) in SECTION 1 of the bill by striking added Sections 218.102 and 218.103, Local Government Code (page 2, lines 29 through 49), and renumbering subsequent sections of added Chapter 218, Local Government Code, and cross-references to those sections accordingly.

The amendment to **CSSB 2477** was read and was adopted without objection.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1.

**CSSB 2477** as amended was passed to engrossment by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 3.

Yeas: Bettencourt, Birdwell, Blanco, Campbell, Creighton, Flores, Gutierrez, Hagenbuch, Hall, Hancock, A. Hinojosa, J. Hinojosa, Huffman, Hughes, Johnson, King, Kolkhorst, Menéndez, Middleton, Miles, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks, West, Zaffirini.

Nays: Alvarado, Cook, Eckhardt.

## COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 2477 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 2477** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

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

Yeas: Bettencourt, Birdwell, Blanco, Campbell, Creighton, Flores, Gutierrez, Hagenbuch, Hall, Hancock, A. Hinojosa, J. Hinojosa, Huffman, Hughes, Johnson, King, Kolkhorst, Menéndez, Middleton, Miles, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks, West, Zaffirini.

Nays: Alvarado, Cook, Eckhardt.

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

## COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 2373 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Johnson and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **CSSB 2373** at this time on its second reading:

**CSSB 2373**, Relating to financial exploitation or financial abuse using artificially generated media or phishing communications; providing a civil penalty; creating a criminal offense.

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 2373 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 2373** 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 RULE 5.14 SUSPENDED**
**(Intent Calendar)**
**(Motion In Writing)**

Senator Zaffirini 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.

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The Motion In Writing was read and prevailed without objection.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE**
**SENATE BILL 383 ON SECOND READING**

Senator Middleton moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 383** at this time on its second reading:

**CSSB 383**, Relating to the interconnection to the ERCOT power grid of certain coastal facilities for the provision of electric service.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 22, Nays 9.

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

Nays: Alvarado, Cook, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, Johnson, Menéndez, Miles, West, Zaffirini.

The bill was read second time.

Senator Middleton offered the following amendment to the bill:

**Floor Amendment No. 1**

Amend **CSSB 383** (senate committee report) in SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 39.9155(b), Utilities Code (page 1, lines 39 and 44) by striking "Mexico" and substituting "America" in each place it appears.

The amendment to **CSSB 383** was read and was adopted without objection.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 except as follows:

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

**CSSB 383** as amended was passed to engrossment by the following vote: Yeas 22, Nays 9.

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

Nays: Alvarado, Cook, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, Johnson, Menéndez, Miles, West, Zaffirini.

## COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 59 ON SECOND READING

Senator Birdwell moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSJR 59** at this time on its second reading:

**CSSJR 59**, Proposing a constitutional amendment providing for the creation of funds to support the capital needs of educational programs offered by the Texas State Technical College System and repealing the limitation on the allocation to that system and its campuses of the annual appropriation of certain constitutionally dedicated funding for public institutions of higher education.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 2.

Yeas: Alvarado, Bettencourt, Birdwell, Blanco, Campbell, Cook, Eckhardt, Flores, Gutierrez, Hagenbuch, Hall, Hancock, A. Hinojosa, J. Hinojosa, Huffman, Johnson, King, Kolkhorst, Menéndez, Middleton, Miles, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks, West, Zaffirini.

Nays: Creighton, Hughes.

The resolution was read second time and was passed to engrossment by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 2. (Same as previous roll call)

## COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 59 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 **CSSJR 59** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 2.

Yeas: Alvarado, Bettencourt, Birdwell, Blanco, Campbell, Cook, Eckhardt, Flores, Gutierrez, Hagenbuch, Hall, Hancock, A. Hinojosa, J. Hinojosa, Huffman, Johnson, King, Kolkhorst, Menéndez, Middleton, Miles, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks, West, Zaffirini.

Nays: Creighton, Hughes.

The resolution was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 2. (Same as previous roll call)

## COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 2221 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Parker and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **CSSB 2221** at this time on its second reading:

**CSSB 2221**, Relating to the filing of a fraudulent financing statement in relation to certain secured transactions; authorizing the imposition of a fee.

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 2221 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 **CSSB 2221** 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 2340 ON SECOND READING

Senator Schwertner moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 2340** at this time on its second reading:

**CSSB 2340**, Relating to examination of the records of filing entities and foreign filing entities by the attorney general; creating a criminal offense.

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

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

Nays: Alvarado, Blanco, Cook, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, J. Hinojosa, Johnson, Menéndez, Miles, 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 2337 ON SECOND READING

Senator Hughes moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 2337** at this time on its second reading:

**CSSB 2337**, Relating to the regulation of the provision of proxy advisory services.

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

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

Nays: Alvarado, Blanco, Cook, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, J. Hinojosa, Johnson, Menéndez, Miles, West, Zaffirini.

The bill was read second time.

Senator Hughes offered the following amendment to the bill:

**Floor Amendment No. 1**

Amend **CSSB 2337** (senate committee report) in SECTION 2 of the bill as follows:

(1) Strike added Section 6A.101(a), Business Organizations Code (page 2, lines 40 through 55), and substitute the following:

(a) For purposes of this section, a proxy advisory service is not provided solely in the financial interest of the shareholders of a company if the service:

(1) is wholly or partly based on one or more nonfinancial factors, including a commitment, initiative, policy, target, or subjective or value-based standard based on:

(A) an environmental, social, or governance (ESG) goal, factor, or investment principle;

(B) diversity, equity, or inclusion (DEI), including any attempt to provide preferential treatment based on characteristics protected under Section 21.051, Labor Code;

(C) a social credit or sustainability factor or score; or

(D) membership in or commitment to an organization or group that wholly or partly bases its evaluation or assessment of a company's value over any period on nonfinancial factors; or

(2) involves providing a voting recommendation with respect to a shareholder-sponsored proposal that:

(A) is inconsistent with the voting recommendation of the board of directors or a board committee composed of a majority of independent directors; and

(B) subject to Subsection (c), does not include a written economic analysis of the financial impact on shareholders of the proposal.

(2) In added Section 6A.101, Business Organizations Code (page 3, between lines 6 and 7), insert the following:

(c) A written economic analysis provided under Subsection (a)(2)(B) must include:

(1) the short-term and long-term economic benefits and costs of implementing the shareholder-sponsored proposal, as written;

(2) an analysis of whether the proposal is consistent with the investment policy of the client;

(3) the projected quantifiable impact of the proposal, if adopted, on the investment returns of the client; and

(4) an explanation of the methods and processes used to prepare the economic analysis.

The amendment to **CSSB 2337** was read and was adopted by the following vote: Yeas 20, Nays 11.

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

Nays: Alvarado, Blanco, Cook, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, J. Hinojosa, Johnson, Menéndez, Miles, West, Zaffirini.

**CSSB 2337** as amended was passed to engrossment by the following vote: Yeas 20, Nays 11. (Same as previous roll call)

**(President in Chair)**

## COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 19 ON SECOND READING

Senator Parker moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSCR 19** at this time on its second reading:

**CSSCR 19**, Authorizing the State Preservation Board to approve the construction of a Texas Life Monument at the State Capitol Complex.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 22, Nays 9.

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

Nays: Alvarado, Blanco, Cook, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, Johnson, Menéndez, Miles, West.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted by the following vote: Yeas 22, Nays 9. (Same as previous roll call)

## SENATE BILL 2681 ON SECOND READING

Senator Bettencourt moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **SB 2681** at this time on its second reading:

**SB 2681**, Relating to the basis for a third-party challenge to a voter's registration.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 24, Nays 7.

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

Nays: Alvarado, Cook, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, Johnson, Menéndez, Miles.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment by the following vote: Yeas 24, Nays 7. (Same as previous roll call)

## COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 715 ON SECOND READING

Senator Sparks moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 715** at this time on its second reading:

**CSSB 715**, Relating to reliability requirements for certain electric generation facilities.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 18, Nays 13.

Yeas: Bettencourt, Campbell, Creighton, Flores, Hagenbuch, Hall, A. Hinojosa, J. Hinojosa, Hughes, King, Kolkhorst, Middleton, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks.

Nays: Alvarado, Birdwell, Blanco, Cook, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, Hancock, Huffman, Johnson, Menéndez, Miles, West, Zaffirini.

The bill was read second time.

Senator Sparks offered the following amendment to the bill:

**Floor Amendment No. 1**

Amend **CSSB 715** (senate committee report) as follows:

(1) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in amended Section 39.1592(d), Utilities Code, strike page 1, lines 43 through 52, and substitute the following:

(3) during hours outside a baseline established by the commission that includes morning and evening ramping periods;

(4) on resources that demonstrate the ability to operate when called upon for dispatch for 24 continuous hours at or above the seasonal average generation capability through the resource's own generation capability or through a contract with an on-site or off-site resource, including a battery energy storage resource; or

(5) on resources with dual but separate grid interconnections that provide dispatchable generation to the ERCOT power region.

(2) In SECTION 2 of the bill (page 2, line 6), between "met" and the period, insert "and premature retirements of dispatchable generation facilities are avoided".

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

SECTION ____. Sections 52(b) and (c), Chapter 410 (H.B. 1500), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, are repealed.

SECTION ____. (a) The Public Utility Commission of Texas shall adopt rules as necessary to implement Section 39.1592, Utilities Code, as amended by this Act, not later than January 1, 2027.

(b) Notwithstanding Subsection (a) of this section, an owner or operator of an electric generation facility that is subject to a power purchase agreement entered into before the effective date of this Act is not required to comply with the performance requirements described by Section 39.1592(b), Utilities Code, until the expiration of the agreement as it exists on the effective date of this Act.

The amendment to **CSSB 715** was read and was adopted without objection.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1.

**CSSB 715** as amended was passed to engrossment by the following vote: Yeas 17, Nays 14.

Yeas: Bettencourt, Campbell, Creighton, Hagenbuch, Hall, A. Hinojosa, Huffman, Hughes, King, Kolkhorst, Middleton, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks.

Nays: Alvarado, Birdwell, Blanco, Cook, Eckhardt, Flores, Gutierrez, Hancock, J. Hinojosa, Johnson, Menéndez, Miles, West, Zaffirini.

## MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

HOUSE CHAMBER
Austin, Texas
Thursday, May 8, 2025 - 2

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 30** Troxclair

Relating to the effect of a disaster and associated costs on the calculation of certain tax rates and the procedure for adoption of a tax rate by a taxing unit.

**HB 200** Buckley

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

**HB 249** Bernal

Relating to installment payments of ad valorem taxes imposed on residence homesteads in certain counties.

**HB 510** Lopez, Ray

Relating to the issuance of a certified birth record to a homeless individual.

**HB 561** Lopez, Ray

Relating to the eligibility of certain local governmental entities affected by the realignment of defense worker jobs or facilities to receive grants.

**HB 721** Leo Wilson

Relating to the applicability of certain laws requiring health care cost disclosures by health benefit plan issuers and administrators.

**HB 851** Schofield

Relating to the determination and reporting of the number of residence homesteads of certain property owners for which the owner is receiving certain ad valorem tax benefits.

**HB 1128** Isaac

Relating to the applicability to election judges of a prohibition on the carrying of a concealed handgun at a polling place.

**HB 1181** Raymond

Relating to the assignment of certain retired and former justices and judges.

**HB 1661** Vasut

Relating to election supplies and the conduct of elections; creating criminal offenses; increasing criminal penalties.

**HB 1803** Harless

Relating to the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact; authorizing fees.

**HB 2298** Lalani

Relating to a health care facility grant program supporting the use of artificial intelligence technology in scanning medical images for cancer detection.

**HB 2524** Cook

Relating to the recovery of fees, court costs, and expenses in family law proceedings.

**HB 2564** Wilson

Relating to the evaluation of Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant applications.

**HB 2594** Metcalf

Relating to the venue for the prosecution of certain criminal conduct involving theft.

**HB 2688** Harless

Relating to the firefighters' relief and retirement fund of certain municipalities.

**HB 2697** Anchía

Relating to certain procedures in connection with a bond forfeiture.

**HB 2785** Garcia, Linda

Relating to the display of certain information on the secretary of state's Internet website prior to the completion of an online voter registration application.

**HB 3045** Gerdes

Relating to a franchise tax exemption for corporations operating a spaceport for certain national defense purposes.

**HB 3071** Geren

Relating to cancellation of certain solid waste disposal permits issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

**HB 3466** Bell, Keith

Relating to the cancellation of certain consumer transactions.

**HB 3469** Campos

Relating to the exemption of certain activities from regulation as a structural pest control service.

**HB 3488** DeAyala

Relating to representation for an indigent person subject to a civil commitment proceeding.

**HB 3594** Lujan

Relating to the administration of a retirement health care plan for firefighters and police officers in certain municipalities.

**HB 3627** Tepper

Relating to allowing the chair of the State Board of Education to employ personnel to assist in performing the board's duties.

**HB 3801** Orr

Relating to the establishment of the Health Professions Workforce Coordinating Council and a workgroup on nursing career pathways and the abolition of the statewide health coordinating council and the nursing advisory committee of that council.

**HB 3896** Raymond

Relating to the generation of electric power by a water supply or sewer service corporation.

**HB 3963** Capriglione

Relating to an early childhood integrated data system.

**HB 4014** Bucy

Relating to a study on the use of psychedelic therapies in the treatment of certain conditions.

**HB 4384** Darby

Relating to the recovery of certain costs associated with a gas utility's plant, facilities, or equipment placed in service.

**HB 5111** Darby

Relating to the regulation of campaign treasurer appointments and related matters and the content of and posting of information contained in a campaign treasurer appointment; providing a civil penalty.

**HB 5247** Geren

Relating to an alternative capital recovery process for certain utilities.

**HB 5323** King

Relating to the creation of the Texas Energy Waste Advisory Committee.

**HB 5331** Dean

Relating to the content of certain contracts entered into by governmental entities.

**HB 5435** Bell, Keith

Relating to required lease terms for public property leased to a nongovernmental entity.

**HB 5560** Harris

Relating to penalties in certain suits involving a groundwater conservation district; increasing a penalty.

**HB 5627** Capriglione

Relating to the creation of the Texas Commission on Public School Teacher Retirement Funding Transparency.

**HB 5646** Wilson

Relating to resident tuition rates and fees at public institutions of higher education for certain students in military-related programs.

**SB 703** Zaffirini Sponsor: McLaughlin

Relating to the criminal and licensing consequences for the commission of certain offenses by massage establishments, massage schools, massage therapists, and massage therapy instructors.

**SB 855** Sparks Sponsor: Frank

Relating to the authority of certain medical consenters to assume financial responsibility for certain out-of-network medical care provided to children in foster care.

**SB 906** Blanco Sponsor: González, Mary

Relating to the authority of the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo to commission peace officers.

**SB 929** Johnson Sponsor: Lujan

Relating to certain deadlines and other timing factors affecting mechanic's, contractor's, or materialman's liens.

**SB 1025** Bettencourt Sponsor: Troxclair

Relating to the text of ballot propositions that increase taxes.
(Committee Substitute)

**SB 1080** West Sponsor: Cook

Relating to the revocation of an occupational license from certain license holders and the issuance of a provisional occupational license to certain applicants with criminal convictions.
(Amended)

**SB 1119** Hughes Sponsor: Harris Davila

Relating to liability of a water park entity for injuries arising from certain activities.

**SB 1229** Hughes Sponsor: Alders

Relating to the designation of a portion of U.S. Highway 69 in Smith County as the Veterans Memorial Highway.

**SB 1355** Parker Sponsor: Phelan

Relating to liquor sales on credit by the holder of a distiller's and rectifier's permit to a wholesaler.
(Amended)

**SB 1877** Schwertner Sponsor: Barry

Relating to the authority of the Office of Public Utility Counsel to access certain data.

**SB 1998** Huffman Sponsor: Shofner

Relating to a preceptorship program in a pediatric subspecialty for medical students in this state.

**SB 2231** Hinojosa, Adam Sponsor: Wilson
Relating to requiring the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to waive fees for admission applications submitted to public institutions of higher education during certain periods.

Respectfully,

/s/Stephen Brown,
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

## SENATE BILL 2681 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 **SB 2681** be placed on its third reading and final passage:

**SB 2681**, Relating to the basis for a third-party challenge to a voter's registration.

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

Yeas: Bettencourt, Birdwell, Blanco, Campbell, Creighton, Flores, Hagenbuch, Hall, Hancock, A. Hinojosa, J. Hinojosa, Huffman, Hughes, King, Kolkhorst, Menéndez, Middleton, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks, West, Zaffirini.

Nays: Alvarado, Cook, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, Johnson, Miles.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 24, Nays 7.

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

Nays: Alvarado, Cook, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, Johnson, Menéndez, Miles.

## COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 2713 ON SECOND READING

Senator Middleton moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 2713** at this time on its second reading:

**CSSB 2713**, Relating to preventing discrimination in membership in a professional or trade association.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 22, Nays 9.

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

Nays: Alvarado, Cook, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, Johnson, Menéndez, Miles, West, Zaffirini.

The bill was read second time.

Senator Middleton offered the following amendment to the bill:

**Floor Amendment No. 1**

Amend **CSSB 2713** (senate committee report version) in SECTION 1 of the bill, immediately following added Section 121.001(b), Business & Commerce Code (page 1, between lines 42 and 43), insert the following:

(c) This chapter does not apply to a professional or trade association whose membership or participation in the association is exclusively based on race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin.

The amendment to **CSSB 2713** was read and was adopted without objection.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1.

Senator Blanco offered the following amendment to the bill:

**Floor Amendment No. 2**

Amend **CSSB 2713** (senate committee report) as follows:

(1) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 121.001, Business & Commerce Code (page 1, line 29), between the section heading and "A", insert "(a)".

(2) In SECTION 1 of the bill, at the end of added Section 121.001, Business & Commerce Code (page 1, between lines 35 and 36), insert the following:

(b) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), a professional or trade association may deny a person access to or membership or participation in the association because the person has engaged in speech that:

(1) directly incites criminal activity;

(2) constitutes a specific threat of violence against a person because of the person's race, color, disability status, religion, familial status, national origin or ancestry, age, sex, or status as a peace officer or judge; or

(3) otherwise constitutes unlawful speech.

The amendment to **CSSB 2713** was read and was adopted without objection.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 2.

**CSSB 2713** as amended was passed to engrossment by the following vote: Yeas 22, Nays 9.

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

Nays: Alvarado, Cook, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, Johnson, Menéndez, Miles, West, Zaffirini.

**(Senator Hughes in Chair)**

**SENATE BILL 2781 ON SECOND READING**

On motion of Senator Birdwell and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **SB 2781** at this time on its second reading:

**SB 2781**, Relating to the imposition of civil penalties for certain violations with respect to political contributions and expenditures made by certain persons who engage in lobbying activities.

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 2781 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 **SB 2781** 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 2633 ON SECOND READING**

Senator Johnson moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **SB 2633** at this time on its second reading:

**SB 2633**, Relating to a local option election on the sale of alcoholic beverages in certain areas of a municipality and the local regulation of premises in those areas.

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

Yeas: Alvarado, Bettencourt, Birdwell, Blanco, Campbell, Cook, Creighton, Eckhardt, Flores, Gutierrez, Hall, Hancock, A. Hinojosa, J. Hinojosa, Huffman, Johnson, King, Kolkhorst, Menéndez, Middleton, Miles, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Schwertner, Sparks, West, Zaffirini.

Nays: Hagenbuch, Hughes, Perry.

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

**SENATE BILL 2633 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 **SB 2633** 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, Cook, Creighton, Eckhardt, Flores, Gutierrez, Hall, Hancock, A. Hinojosa, J. Hinojosa, Huffman, Johnson, King, Kolkhorst, Menéndez, Middleton, Miles, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Schwertner, Sparks, West, Zaffirini.

Nays: Hagenbuch, Hughes, Perry.

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

**SENATE BILL 2782 ON SECOND READING**

Senator Birdwell moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **SB 2782** at this time on its second reading:

**SB 2782**, Relating to discovery requirements related to sworn complaints made to the Texas Ethics Commission.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Johnson 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: Johnson.

**SENATE BILL 2782 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 **SB 2782** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

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

Nays: Johnson.

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

**(Senator King in Chair)**

**SENATE BILL 1013 ON SECOND READING**

Senator Eckhardt moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **SB 1013** at this time on its second reading:

**SB 1013**, Relating to the definition of a crosswalk.

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

Yeas: Alvarado, Bettencourt, Birdwell, Blanco, Campbell, Cook, Eckhardt, Flores, Gutierrez, Hall, Hancock, A. Hinojosa, J. Hinojosa, Huffman, Johnson, Kolkhorst, Menéndez, Miles, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, West, Zaffirini.

Nays: Creighton, Hagenbuch, Hughes, King, Middleton, Sparks.

The bill was read second time.

Senator Eckhardt offered the following amendment to the bill:

**Floor Amendment No. 1**

Amend **SB 1013** (senate committee printing) by striking SECTION 1 of the bill, amending Section 541.302(2), Transportation Code (page 1, lines 22-35), and substituting the following appropriately numbered SECTION:

SECTION ____. Section 545.256, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 545.256. EMERGING FROM OR ENTERING AN ALLEY, DRIVEWAY, OR BUILDING. (a) In this section, "sidewalk user" means an individual lawfully operating one of the following on a sidewalk:

(1) a bicycle;

(2) a motor-assisted scooter, as defined by Section 551.351;

(3) an electric personal assistive mobility device, as defined by Section 551.201;

(4) a skateboard;

(5) roller skates; or

(6) a similar device.

(b) An operator emerging from an alley, driveway, or building in a business or residence district shall:

(1) stop the vehicle before moving on a sidewalk or the sidewalk area extending across an alley or driveway;

(2) yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian or sidewalk user to avoid collision; and

(3) on entering the roadway, yield the right-of-way to an approaching vehicle.

(c) An operator entering an alley, driveway, or building in a business or residence district from a roadway shall yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian or sidewalk user who is located on a sidewalk or within the area of a sidewalk extending across the alley or driveway to avoid collision.

The amendment to **SB 1013** was read and was adopted without objection.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1.

**SB 1013** as amended was passed to engrossment by the following vote: Yeas 25, Nays 6.

Yeas: Alvarado, Bettencourt, Birdwell, Blanco, Campbell, Cook, Eckhardt, Flores, Gutierrez, Hall, Hancock, A. Hinojosa, J. Hinojosa, Huffman, Johnson, Kolkhorst, Menéndez, Miles, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, West, Zaffirini.

Nays: Creighton, Hagenbuch, Hughes, King, Middleton, Sparks.

## SENATE BILL 1013 ON THIRD READING

Senator Eckhardt moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **SB 1013** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

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

Yeas: Alvarado, Bettencourt, Birdwell, Blanco, Campbell, Cook, Eckhardt, Flores, Gutierrez, Hall, Hancock, A. Hinojosa, J. Hinojosa, Huffman, Johnson, Kolkhorst, Menéndez, Miles, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, West, Zaffirini.

Nays: Creighton, Hagenbuch, Hughes, King, Middleton, Sparks.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 25, Nays 6. (Same as previous roll call)

## HOUSE BILL 136 ON SECOND READING

Senator Alvarado moved to suspend the regular order of business and Senate Rule 5.14 to take up for consideration **HB 136** at this time on its second reading:

**HB 136**, Relating to Medicaid coverage and reimbursement for lactation consultation services.

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

Yeas: Alvarado, Bettencourt, Birdwell, Blanco, Campbell, Cook, Creighton, Eckhardt, Flores, Gutierrez, Hancock, A. Hinojosa, J. Hinojosa, Huffman, Hughes, Johnson, King, Kolkhorst, Menéndez, Middleton, Miles, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, West, Zaffirini.

Nays: Hagenbuch, Hall, Sparks.

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

## HOUSE BILL 136 ON THIRD READING

Senator Alvarado moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **HB 136** 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, Cook, Creighton, Eckhardt, Flores, Gutierrez, Hancock, A. Hinojosa, J. Hinojosa, Huffman, Hughes, Johnson, King, Kolkhorst, Menéndez, Middleton, Miles, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, West, Zaffirini.

Nays: Hagenbuch, Hall, Sparks.

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

## COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 29 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Perry and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business and Senate Rule 5.14 were suspended to take up for consideration **CSHB 29** at this time on its second reading:

**CSHB 29**, Relating to water losses reported by certain municipally owned utilities to the Texas Water Development Board; authorizing administrative penalties.

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

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

## COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 29 ON THIRD READING

Senator Perry moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **CSHB 29** 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.

## ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Senator Zaffirini, the Senate at 5:26 p.m. adjourned until 5:27 p.m. today.