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FORTY-FIFTH DAY
(Continued)
(Tuesday, May 27, 2025)

AFTER RECESS

The Senate met at 10:28 a.m. and was called to order by Senator Flores.

Pastor Scott Heare, Sunset Ridge Church, San Antonio, offered the invocation as follows:

> Eternal God, as we gather this morning, we find ourselves in the final stretch of this legislative session. Many of us are tired. Time feels short. Some are pressing forward to finish strong, while others have already crossed their personal finish lines. This session has been short, fast, long, and tedious all at once. It has been marked by challenges, changes, and the persistent, if at times faint, thread of hope. Be present with us today. Grant us clarity of thought, steadiness of spirit. May we lead with a peace that gives us the confidence to conclude our work with integrity and to leave this Chamber proud of what we have accomplished for the people of Texas. I lift up in gratitude the families of loved ones who carry the unseen burdens throughout these long days. For the children of Senators, the wives of policy advisors, the parents of interns, and the friends and families of building and security staff, I pray for restoration. Redeem the time they've given, and let what seems lost be found. And finally, for those we serve, I pray for the great State of Texas and all who dwell within it. In these uncertain and confusing times, may Your word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Amen.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

HOUSE CHAMBER
Austin, Texas
Tuesday, May 27, 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:

SJR 27 Huffman Sponsor: Leach

Proposing a constitutional amendment regarding the membership of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct, the membership of the tribunal to review the commission's recommendations, and the authority of the commission, the tribunal, and the Texas Supreme Court to more effectively sanction judges and justices for judicial misconduct.
(Committee Substitute/Amended)

Respectfully,

/s/Stephen Brown,
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

SENATE RESOLUTION 583

Senator Eckhardt offered the following resolution:

SR 583, Recognizing the LOVB Austin Volleyball women's professional team's championship win at the LOVB Pro Finals.

The resolution was read and was adopted without objection.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Eckhardt, joined by Senator Zaffirini, was recognized and introduced to the Senate the 2025 LOVB Pro Finals championship team including LOVB Austin Volleyball team management Audrey Tuttle, Jordan Pingel, and Elyanna Garcia.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

PHYSICIAN OF THE DAY

Senator J. Hinojosa was recognized and presented Dr. Chris Casso of McAllen as the Physician of the Day.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION 524

Senator Blanco offered the following resolution:

SR 524, Recognizing the revitalization efforts at Rio Vista Farm on the occasion of Preservation Month 2025.

The resolution was again read.

The resolution was previously adopted on Thursday, May 15, 2025.

GUESTS PRESENTED

Senator Blanco was recognized and introduced to the Senate City of Socorro leadership including Historic Preservation Officer Victor Manuel Reta Jr., Mayor Rudy Cruz Jr., and City Manager Adriana Rodarte.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were offered:

SR 581 by Eckhardt, In memory of Blaine Hal Bull.

SR 582 by Eckhardt, In memory of Thomas Everett Spender of Austin.

SR 585 by Birdwell, Recognizing May 27, 2025, as Western Swing Day.

SR 586 by Hall, Hughes, Perry, and Sparks, Recognizing G. David Smith for becoming president-elect of the State Bar of Texas.

HCR 129 (Eckhardt), Commemorating the 100th anniversary of Austin Oaks Church.

HCR 136 (Hughes), In memory of Deputy Melissa Pollard of the Wood County Sheriff's Office.

HCR 138 (Hughes), Congratulating Nathan L. Hecht on his retirement as chief justice of the Supreme Court of Texas.

HCR 150 (Schwertner), Recognizing May 2025 as National Water Safety Month.

HCR 156 (Kolkhorst), Instructing the enrolling clerk of the house to make corrections in H.B. No. 140.

The resolutions were read and were adopted by a viva voce vote.

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

HOUSE BILL 3425 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Zaffirini and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **HB 3425** at this time on its second reading:

HB 3425, Relating to the prosecution of certain criminal offenses involving the unlawful disclosure of a residence address or telephone number.

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.

HOUSE BILL 3425 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 **HB 3425** 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 BILL 5093 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Birdwell and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **HB 5093** at this time on its second reading:

HB 5093, Relating to disclosure under the public information law of certain contact information of a notary public that is maintained by the secretary of state.

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.

HOUSE BILL 5093 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 **HB 5093** 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 BILL 783 ON SECOND READING

Senator J. Hinojosa moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **HB 783** at this time on its second reading:

HB 783, Relating to civil liability for online impersonation.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 4.

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

Nays: Hagenbuch, Hall, Hughes, Sparks.

The bill was read second time.

Senator J. Hinojosa offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 1

Amend **HB 783** (senate committee printing) in SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Chapter 98C, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, as follows:

(1) In Section 98C.001(1) (page 1, line 29), strike "photograph,".

(2) In Section 98C.001(1) (page 1, line 30), strike "through social media" and substitute "in visual material on a social media platform".

(3) Strike Sections 98C.001(2), (3), and (4) (page 1, lines 33 through 42) and substitute the following:

(2) "Social media platform" has the meaning assigned by Section 120.001, Business & Commerce Code.

(3) "Visual material" has the meaning assigned by Section 43.26, Penal Code.

(4) Strike Section 98C.004(a) (page 1, lines 52 through 56) and substitute the following:

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), a person is liable to another person injured by the person's online impersonation if:

(1) the person knowingly and with the intent to harm, defraud, intimidate, or threaten the injured person used the online impersonation to create a false identity; and

(2) the online impersonation is, to a reasonable person, virtually indistinguishable from an actual person.

The amendment to **HB 783** was read and was adopted without objection.

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

HB 783 as amended was passed to third reading by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 4.

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

Nays: Hagenbuch, Hall, Hughes, Sparks.

HOUSE BILL 783 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 **HB 783** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 4.

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

Nays: Hagenbuch, Hall, Hughes, Sparks.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 4. (Same as previous roll call)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

HOUSE CHAMBER
Austin, Texas
Tuesday, May 27, 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 REFUSED TO CONCUR IN THE SENATE AMENDMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING MEASURES AND REQUESTS THE APPOINTMENT OF A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE TO ADJUST THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO HOUSES:

HB 2011
House Conferees: Bell, Cecil - Chair/Hinojosa/Hunter/Kitzman/Lalani

HB 5246
House Conferees: Bonnen - Chair/Capriglione/Garcia, Linda/Harris/Ordaz

THE HOUSE HAS GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE SENATE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURES:

SB 21
House Conferees: Capriglione - Chair/Cunningham/Garcia, Linda/Longoria/Oliverson

SB 1198
House Conferees: Morales, Eddie - Chair/Bonnen/LaHood/Ordaz/Tepper

SB 1405
House Conferees: Ashby - Chair/Bernal/Lambert/Martinez Fischer/Meyer

SB 2601
House Conferees: Guillen - Chair/Lujan/McLaughlin/Muñoz/Raymond

SB 2778
House Conferees: Lujan - Chair/Bhojani/Cortez/Gerdes/Spiller

Respectfully,

/s/Stephen Brown,
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

SENATE RULES SUSPENDED
(Posting Rules)
(Consideration of Bills in Committees)

On motion of Senator Hall and by unanimous consent, Senate Rule 11.10(a), Senate Rule 11.13, and Senate Rule 11.18(a) were suspended in order that the Committee on Administration might meet at 11:40 a.m. today in the Senate Press Room, 2E.9, while the Senate was meeting.

HOUSE BILL 2854 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator West and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **HB 2854** at this time on its second reading:

HB 2854, Relating to the required approval of certain hospital visits as a condition of release on parole or to mandatory supervision for certain releasees and to the hospital's liability for damages resulting from those visits.

The bill was read second time.

Senator Huffman offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 1

Amend **HB 2854** (89R 25072) in SECTION 2 of the bill as follows:

(1) In added Section 508.193(c), Government Code (page 2, line 4), between "notify" and "the", insert ", using the information in the database described by Subsection (d),".

(2) Immediately after added Section 508.193(c), Government Code (page 2, between lines 7 and 8), insert the following and relettering subsequent subsections accordingly:

(d) The Department of State Health Services shall establish and maintain an electronic database for the department that contains the contact information, including phone numbers and email addresses, for:

(1) the chief law enforcement officer of each general hospital in this state; or

(2) if a general hospital does not employ any peace officers, the local law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the location of the hospital.

(e) The Department of State Health Services shall annually provide an updated database to the department.

(f) The department is not liable to a patient or another person for damages resulting from a visit by a releasee described by Subsection (a) if the parole officer approving the visit has attempted to notify the appropriate chief law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency using the contact information included in the database described by Subsection (d).

The amendment to **HB 2854** was read and was adopted without objection.

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

HB 2854 as amended was passed to third reading by a viva voce vote.

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

HOUSE BILL 2854 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 **HB 2854** 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 HOUSE BILL 500 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Huffman and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **CSHB 500** at this time on its second reading:

CSHB 500, Relating to making supplemental appropriations and reductions in appropriations and giving direction and adjustment authority regarding appropriations.

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 500 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 **CSHB 500** 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 BILL 1105 ON SECOND READING

Senator Eckhardt moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **HB 1105** at this time on its second reading:

HB 1105, Relating to the exemption of tuition and laboratory fees at public institutions of higher education for certain paramedics.

The motion prevailed.

Senators Campbell and Hughes 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 third reading by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to third reading except as follows:

Nays: Campbell, Hughes.

HOUSE BILL 1105 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 **HB 1105** 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, Cook, Creighton, 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: Campbell, Hughes.

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

(Senator King in Chair)

HOUSE BILL 27 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Flores and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **HB 27** at this time on its second reading:

HB 27, Relating to courses in personal financial literacy for high school students in public schools.

The bill was read second time.

Senator Flores offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 1

Amend **HB 27** (senate committee report) as follows:

(1) In SECTION 3 of the bill (page 2, lines 16 and 17), strike "2025-2026" and substitute "2026-2027" in each place it appears.

(2) In SECTION 4 of the bill (page 2, line 21), strike "2025-2026" and substitute "2026-2027".

The amendment to **HB 27** was read and was adopted without objection.

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

HB 27 as amended was passed to third reading by a viva voce vote.

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

HOUSE BILL 27 ON THIRD READING

Senator Flores moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **HB 27** 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)

HOUSE BILL 5129 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Alvarado and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **HB 5129** at this time on its second reading:

HB 5129, Relating to the security of certain personal identifying information submitted to or retained by a state agency.

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.

HOUSE BILL 5129 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 5129** 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 BILL 4795 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Hancock and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **HB 4795** at this time on its second reading:

HB 4795, Relating to duties of the vital statistics unit of the Department of State Health Services in relation to certain suits affecting the parent-child relationship, including in regard to the electronic transmission of certain information.

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.

HOUSE BILL 4795 ON THIRD READING

Senator Hancock moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **HB 4795** 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
HOUSE BILL 5138 ON SECOND READING

Senator Hughes moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSHB 5138** at this time on its second reading:

CSHB 5138, Relating to the duty of the attorney general to prosecute criminal offenses prescribed by the election laws of this state.

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

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

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

The bill was read second time.

Senator Eckhardt offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 1

Amend **CSHB 5138** (senate committee report) as follows:

(1) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 402.101(b), Government Code (page 1, lines 38 and 39), strike "information requested by the attorney general regarding investigations of criminal offenses" and substitute "evidence requested by the attorney general of a criminal offense".

(2) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 402.101(b), Government Code (page 1, line 41), immediately following the underlined period, insert the following: An attorney general request under this subsection must be in writing and submitted to:

(1) the head of the law enforcement agency or the designee of the head of the law enforcement agency; or

(2) the local prosecuting attorney or the local prosecuting attorney's designee.

(3) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 402.103, Government Code (page 1, line 42), between "PROSECUTION." And "Notwithstanding", insert "(a)".

(3) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 402.103, Government Code (page 1, line 45), between "402.101" and the underlined period, insert the following: if:

(1) a law enforcement agency submits a report to the attorney general as described by Section 402.102(a);

(2) 180 days have elapsed from the later of:

(A) the date the report was submitted; or

(B) the date the defendant was arrested; and

(3) the local prosecuting attorney has not taken prosecutorial action to prosecute the offense.

(b) If the prosecution of a criminal offense described by Section 402.101 is pending before a court and the attorney general has jurisdiction to prosecute the criminal offense under Subsection (a), the attorney general shall file with the court in which the prosecution is pending a notice of intent to represent the state and provide a copy of the notice to:

(1) the local prosecuting attorney; and

(2) the defendant's attorney or the defendant if the defendant is not represented by an attorney.

(c) If the prosecution of a criminal offense described by Section 402.101 is not pending before a court and the attorney general has jurisdiction to prosecute the criminal offense under Subsection (a), the attorney general shall:

(1) provide written notice of the attorney general's intent to represent the state in the prosecution of the offense under Subsection (a) to:

(A) the local prosecuting attorney; and

(B) the defendant's attorney or the defendant if the defendant is not represented by an attorney; and

(2) file a copy of the notice described by Subdivision (1) with the district clerk of the county in which the offense was committed.

(4) In SECTION 3 of the bill, strike amended Section 273.022, Election Code (page 1, line 57, through page 2, line 2) and substitute the following:

Sec. 273.022. COOPERATION WITH LOCAL PROSECUTOR. On the attorney general's request and with the consent of [~~The attorney general may direct~~] the county or district attorney serving the county in which an [~~the~~] offense [~~is to be prosecuted to prosecute an offense that~~] the attorney general is authorized to prosecute under Section 273.021 is pending, the county or district attorney may [~~to~~] assist the attorney general in the prosecution of the offense.

The amendment to **CSHB 5138** was read and failed of adoption by the following vote: Yeas 11, Nays 20.

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

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

CSHB 5138 was passed to third reading by the following vote: Yeas 19, Nays 12.

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

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

HOUSE BILL 4070 ON SECOND READING

Senator Campbell moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **HB 4070** at this time on its second reading:

HB 4070, Relating to the sale, design, and manufacture of orthodontic devices.

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, Miles, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks, West, Zaffirini.

Nays: Hagenbuch, Hughes, Middleton.

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 4070 ON THIRD READING

Senator Campbell moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **HB 4070** 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, Miles, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks, West, Zaffirini.

Nays: Hagenbuch, Hughes, Middleton.

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

HOUSE BILL 1106 ON SECOND READING

Senator Hall moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **HB 1106** at this time on its second reading:

HB 1106, Relating to the definitions of child abuse and neglect.

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 third reading by the following vote: Yeas 20, Nays 11. (Same as previous roll call)

HOUSE BILL 1871 ON SECOND READING

Senator Schwertner moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **HB 1871** at this time on its second reading:

HB 1871, Relating to the punishment for the criminal offense of attempted capital murder of a peace officer; increasing a criminal penalty; changing eligibility for parole and mandatory supervision.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 4.

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

Nays: Cook, Eckhardt, J. Hinojosa, Zaffirini.

The bill was read second time and was passed to third reading by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 4. (Same as previous roll call)

HOUSE BILL 1871 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 **HB 1871** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 4.

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

Nays: Cook, Eckhardt, J. Hinojosa, Zaffirini.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 4. (Same as previous roll call)

HOUSE BILL 322 ON SECOND READING

Senator Zaffirini moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **HB 322** at this time on its second reading:

HB 322, Relating to the use of funds awarded under the Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) Grant Program.

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

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

Nays: Creighton, Hughes, Kolkhorst, Middleton, Sparks.

The bill was read second time and was passed to third reading by the following vote: Yeas 26, Nays 5. (Same as previous roll call)

HOUSE BILL 322 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 **HB 322** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

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

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

Nays: Creighton, Hughes, Kolkhorst, Middleton, Sparks.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 26, Nays 5. (Same as previous roll call)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 7 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Perry and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **CSHJR 7** at this time on its second reading:

CSHJR 7, Proposing a constitutional amendment to dedicate a portion of the revenue derived from state sales and use taxes to the Texas water fund and to provide for the allocation and use of that revenue.

The resolution 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 JOINT RESOLUTION 7 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 **CSHJR 7** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

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

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

STATEMENT OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT

Senator Perry submitted the following statement of legislative intent for **CSHJR 7**:

> The constitutional amendment allows the Legislature to suspend an allocation only for the duration of a state of disaster declared by the Governor so that funding may be redirected as needed pending termination of the state of disaster, with express intent that funding repurposed during the suspension be restored to the Water Fund as soon as practicable.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 52

The Presiding Officer laid before the Senate the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas has passed House Bill No. 1240 and returned it to the House of Representatives of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Further consideration of the bill by the senate is necessary; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Texas, the House of Representatives of the State of Texas concurring, That the senate hereby respectfully request that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives be authorized to return House Bill No. 1240 to the senate for further consideration.

A. HINOJOSA

SCR 52 was read.

On motion of Senator A. Hinojosa and by unanimous consent, the resolution was considered immediately and was adopted without objection.

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

HOUSE BILL 4687 ON SECOND READING

Senator Bettencourt moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **HB 4687** at this time on its second reading:

HB 4687, Relating to the applicability of certain immunity and liability laws to certain charter school campuses or programs.

The motion prevailed.

Senators Miles and Sparks 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 third reading by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to third reading except as follows:

Nays: Miles, Sparks.

HOUSE BILL 4687 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 **HB 4687** 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, Creighton, Eckhardt, Flores, Gutierrez, Hagenbuch, Hall, Hancock, A. Hinojosa, J. Hinojosa, Huffman, Hughes, Johnson, King, Kolkhorst, Menéndez, Middleton, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, West, Zaffirini.

Nays: Miles, Sparks.

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

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
HOUSE BILL 3963 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Paxton and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **CSHB 3963** at this time on its second reading:

CSHB 3963, Relating to an early childhood integrated data system.

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 3963 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 **CSHB 3963** 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 BILL 3923 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Parker and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **HB 3923** at this time on its second reading:

HB 3923, Relating to state employment opportunities for individuals who do not hold a bachelor's degree.

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.

HOUSE BILL 3923 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 **HB 3923** 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 HOUSE BILL 2853 ON SECOND READING

Senator Blanco moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSHB 2853** at this time on its second reading:

CSHB 2853, Relating to student union building fees at The University of Texas at El Paso.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 4.

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

Nays: Hall, Hancock, Hughes, Middleton.

The bill was read second time and was passed to third reading by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 4. (Same as previous roll call)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2853 ON THIRD READING

Senator Blanco moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **CSHB 2853** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 4.

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

Nays: Hall, Hancock, Hughes, Middleton.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 4. (Same as previous roll call)

HOUSE BILL 4638 ON SECOND READING

Senator Kolkhorst moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **HB 4638** at this time on its second reading:

HB 4638, Relating to the Texas Pharmaceutical Initiative.

The motion prevailed.

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

The bill was read second time.

Senator Kolkhorst offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 1

Amend **HB 4638** (senate committee report) in SECTION 4 of the bill, in amended Section 2177.010, Government Code (page 2, line 17), by striking "2031" and substituting "2027".

The amendment to **HB 4638** was read and was adopted without objection.

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

HB 4638 as amended was passed to third reading by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to third reading except as follows:

Nays: Creighton, Hughes.

HOUSE BILL 4638 ON THIRD READING

Senator Kolkhorst moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **HB 4638** 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 bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 2. (Same as previous roll call)

HOUSE BILL 3181 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Paxton and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **HB 3181** at this time on its second reading:

HB 3181, Relating to the enforcement of a court order for possession of or access to a child and related order modifications.

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.

HOUSE BILL 3181 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 **HB 3181** 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 Blanco in Chair)

SENATE RULES SUSPENDED
(Posting Rules)

On motion of Senator Flores and by unanimous consent, Senate Rule 11.10(a), Senate Rule 11.13, and Senate Rule 11.18(a) were suspended in order that the Committee on Criminal Justice might meet at 11:55 p.m. today in the Senate Press Room, 2E.9, and consider **HB 2217**.

SENATE RULES SUSPENDED
(Posting Rules)

On motion of Senator Hughes and by unanimous consent, Senate Rule 11.10(a) and Senate Rule 11.18(a) were suspended in order that the Committee on State Affairs might meet at 1:50 p.m. today in the Betty King Committee Room, 2E.20.

RECESS

On motion of Senator Zaffirini, the Senate at 1:47 p.m. recessed until 2:30 p.m. today.

AFTER RECESS

The Senate met at 2:57 p.m. and was called to order by Senator Flores.

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 8 p.m. today. I further move that the rule be suspended to allow the Secretary of the Senate to make the calendar available as soon as practicable.

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The Motion In Writing was read and prevailed without objection.

HOUSE BILL 2128 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Hagenbuch and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **HB 2128** at this time on its second reading:

HB 2128, Relating to a study of rural firefighting and technical rescue service capabilities.

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.

HOUSE BILL 2128 ON THIRD READING

Senator Hagenbuch moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **HB 2128** 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 BILL 4157 ON SECOND READING

Senator A. Hinojosa moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **HB 4157** at this time on its second reading:

HB 4157, Relating to liability protections for commercial space flight and exploration.

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

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

Nays: Cook, Eckhardt, Gutierrez.

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 4157 ON THIRD READING

Senator A. Hinojosa moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **HB 4157** 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, Flores, Hagenbuch, Hall, Hancock, A. Hinojosa, J. Hinojosa, Huffman, Hughes, Johnson, King, Kolkhorst, Menéndez, Middleton, Miles, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks, West, Zaffirini.

Nays: Cook, Eckhardt, Gutierrez.

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

HOUSE BILL 2240 ON SECOND READING

Senator Zaffirini moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **HB 2240** at this time on its second reading:

HB 2240, Relating to certain void marriages.

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.

Senator Birdwell offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 1

Amend **HB 2240** (senate committee report) as follows:

(1) Strike the recital to SECTION 1 of the bill (page 1, lines 24 and 25) and substitute the following:

SECTION 1. Section 6.202, Family Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(2) In SECTION 1 of the bill, strike added Section 6.202(b)(3), Family Code (page 1, lines 37 through 40), and substitute the following:

(3) files a suit to declare the later marriage void not later than:

(A) the 30th day after the date the putative spouse knew that the later marriage was entered into when the other party had an existing marriage, unless the putative spouse is a person described by Paragraph (B); or

(B) the 90th day after the date the putative spouse knew that the later marriage was entered into when the other party had an existing marriage, if the putative spouse:

(i) is serving on active duty as a member of the United States armed forces;

(ii) is a member of the Texas military forces, as defined by Section 437.001, Government Code, and:

(a) is actively deployed on federal orders outside the United States; or

(b) is on state active duty performing emergency response activities for this state; or

(iii) is in active service outside the United States as a foreign officer employed by the United States Department of State.

(c) Notwithstanding any other law or rule, if a putative spouse files a suit to declare the marriage void under Subsection (b)(3), a respondent spouse may file an answer on or before the 90th day after the date the respondent spouse is served if the respondent spouse:

(1) is serving on active duty as a member of the United States armed forces;

(2) is a member of the Texas military forces, as defined by Section 437.001, Government Code, and:

(A) is actively deployed on federal orders outside the United States; or

(B) is on state active duty performing emergency response activities for this state; or

(3) is in active service outside the United States as a foreign officer employed by the United States Department of State.

The amendment to **HB 2240** was read and was adopted without objection.

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

HB 2240 as amended was passed to third reading by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to third reading except as follows:

Nays: Middleton.

HOUSE BILL 2240 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 **HB 2240** 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)

HOUSE BILL 367 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Menéndez and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **HB 367** at this time on its second reading:

HB 367, Relating to verification of excused absences from public school for students with severe or life-threatening illnesses.

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.

HOUSE BILL 367 ON THIRD READING

Senator Menéndez moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **HB 367** 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 BILL 1506 ON SECOND READING

Senator King moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **HB 1506** at this time on its second reading:

HB 1506, Relating to the issuance of a license to carry a handgun to certain retired county court judges.

The motion prevailed.

Senators Cook and 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 third reading by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to third reading except as follows:

Nays: Cook, Eckhardt.

HOUSE BILL 1506 ON THIRD READING

Senator King moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **HB 1506** 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, 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: Cook, Eckhardt.

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

HOUSE BILL 4449 ON SECOND READING

Senator Sparks moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **HB 4449** at this time on its second reading:

HB 4449, Relating to the sale of alcoholic beverages in areas annexed by certain municipalities.

The motion prevailed.

Senators Campbell, Hughes, and 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 third reading by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to third reading except as follows:

Nays: Campbell, Hughes, Middleton.

HOUSE BILL 4449 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 **HB 4449** 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, Cook, Creighton, Eckhardt, Flores, Gutierrez, Hagenbuch, Hall, Hancock, A. Hinojosa, J. Hinojosa, Huffman, Johnson, King, Kolkhorst, Menéndez, Miles, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks, West, Zaffirini.

Nays: Campbell, Hughes, Middleton.

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

HOUSE BILL 3812 ON SECOND READING

Senator Hancock moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **HB 3812** at this time on its second reading:

HB 3812, Relating to health benefit plan preauthorization requirements for certain health care services and the direction of utilization review by physicians.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hagenbuch 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 third reading by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to third reading except as follows:

Nays: Hagenbuch.

HOUSE BILL 3812 ON THIRD READING

Senator Hancock moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **HB 3812** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

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

Nays: Hagenbuch.

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

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:

SB 20, **SB 33**, **SB 75**, **SB 213**, **SB 227**, **SB 269**, **SB 458**, **SB 528**, **SB 647**, **SB 648**, **SB 681**, **SB 740**, **SB 835**, **SB 840**, **SB 843**, **SB 1061**, **SB 1120**, **SB 1121**, **SB 1150**, **SB 1202**, **SB 1253**, **SB 1423**, **SB 1535**, **SB 1574**, **SB 1709**, **SB 1789**, **SB 2037**, **SB 2078**, **SB 2544**, **SB 2570**.

HB 49, **HB 75**, **HB 128**, **HB 388**, **HB 413**, **HB 519**, **HB 609**, **HB 685**, **HB 766**, **HB 1422**, **HB 1445**, **HB 1458**, **HB 1481**, **HB 1562**, **HB 1586**, **HB 1592**, **HB 1606**, **HB 1612**, **HB 1633**, **HB 1732**, **HB 1828**, **HB 1851**, **HB 1916**, **HB 1991**, **HB 2014**, **HB 2025**, **HB 2026**, **HB 2061**, **HB 2193**, **HB 2259**, **HB 2273**, **HB 2282**, **HB 2293**, **HB 2310**, **HB 2358**, **HB 2421**, **HB 2464**, **HB 2508**, **HB 2518**, **HB 2524**, **HB 2530**, **HB 2563**, **HB 2713**, **HB 2715**, **HB 2791**, **HB 2856**, **HB 3062**, **HB 3114**, **HB 3120**, **HB 3180**, **HB 3214**, **HB 3234**, **HB 3505**, **HB 3597**, **HB 3627**, **HB 3680**, **HB 3732**, **HB 3745**, **HB 3801**, **HB 3803**, **HB 3804**, **HB 3806**, **HB 3833**, **HB 4044**, **HB 4129**, **HB 4224**, **HB 4230**, **HB 4377**, **HB 4395**, **HB 4396**, **HB 4668**, **HB 4738**, **HB 5084**, **HB 5149**, **HB 5155**, **HB 5180**, **HB 5436**, **HB 5667**, **HB 5686**, **HB 5688**, **HB 5693**, **HCR 10**, **HCR 127**, **HCR 130**, **HCR 131**, **HCR 133**, **HCR 134**, **HCR 135**, **HCR 139**, **HCR 140**, **HCR 142**, **HCR 143**, **HCR 147**, **HCR 152**, **HJR 133**.

HB 108, **HB 201**, **HB 272**, **HB 551**, **HB 621**, **HB 1661**, **HB 2073**, **HB 2253**, **HB 2294**, **HB 2306**, **HB 2593**, **HB 2674**, **HB 2761**, **HB 3010**, **HB 3151**, **HB 3159**, **HB 3254**, **HB 3284**, **HB 3928**, **HB 3940**, **HB 4063**, **HB 4281**, **HB 4454**, **HB 4666**, **HB 4743**, **HB 5308**, **HB 5394**, **HCR 108**, **HCR 118**.

HOUSE BILL 521 ON SECOND READING

Senator Paxton moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **HB 521** at this time on its second reading:

HB 521, Relating to accommodating voters with a disability; creating a criminal offense.

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

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

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

The bill was read second time.

Senator Paxton offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 1

Amend **HB 521** (senate committee report) in SECTION 1 of the bill, by striking amended Section 64.009(f), Election Code (page 2, lines 9 through 15), and substituting the following:

(f) Upon accepting a voter for voting under this section who is provided transportation by another person, the election officer shall ask the person providing transportation whether the person has assisted seven or more voters voting under this section during the early voting period and on election day. If the person indicates that the person has assisted [~~A person who simultaneously assists~~] seven or more voters voting under this section during the early voting period and on election day by providing the voters with transportation to the polling place, the person must complete and sign a form, provided by an election officer, that contains the person's name and address and whether the person is providing assistance solely under this section or under both this section and Subchapter B.

The amendment to **HB 521** was read and was adopted by the following vote: Yeas 19, Nays 12.

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

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

Senator Zaffirini offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 2

Amend **HB 521** (senate committee report) as follows:

(1) In the recital to SECTION 2 of the bill, amending Section 64.009, Election Code (page 1, line 36), between "(a-5)," and "(i)", insert "(a-6),".

(2) In SECTION 2 of the bill, immediately following added Section 64.009(a-5), Election Code (page 2, between lines 8 and 9), insert the following:

(a-6) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, if a voter is escorting a person to whom Subsection (a) applies to the polling place entrance or curb, on the voter's request, an election officer shall deliver a ballot to the voter at the polling place entrance or curb.

The amendment to **HB 521** was read and was adopted without objection.

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

Senator Menéndez offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 3

Amend **HB 521** (senate committee report) as follows:

In the recital to SECTION 2 of the bill, amending Section 64.009(j), Election Code as follows:

(j) An offense under this section is punishable by:

(1) a fine of not less than $550 or more than $800; and

(2) 10 hours of community service.

The amendment to **HB 521** was read and failed of adoption by the following vote: Yeas 13, Nays 18.

Yeas: Alvarado, Blanco, Campbell, Cook, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, J. Hinojosa, Johnson, Menéndez, Miles, Nichols, West, Zaffirini.

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

HB 521 as amended was passed to third reading 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.

REMARKS ORDERED PRINTED

On motion of Senator Miles and by unanimous consent, the remarks regarding **HB 521** on second reading were ordered reduced to writing and printed in the *Senate Journal.*

The remarks are printed in an addendum to this day's Journal.

HOUSE BILL 3000 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Perry and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **HB 3000** at this time on its second reading:

HB 3000, Relating to a grant program to provide financial assistance to qualified ambulance service providers in certain rural counties.

The bill was read second time.

Senator Perry offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 1

Amend **HB 3000** (senate committee report) in SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 130.914, Local Government Code, as follows:

(1) In added Subsection (a)(3) (page 1, line 40), strike "rural area" and substitute "qualified county".

(2) In added Subsection (a) (page 1, between lines 31 and 32), insert the following appropriately numbered subdivision in the subsection and renumber subsequent subdivisions of the subsection accordingly:

( ) "Ambulance" means a vehicle registered with the Department of State Health Services as an emergency medical service provider vehicle.

(3) In added Subsection (c) (page 1, line 47), between "county" and "may", insert ", on behalf of a qualified rural ambulance service provider,".

(4) In added Subsection (c) (page 1, lines 49 through 51), strike the final sentence of the subsection and substitute the following:

If a county is awarded a grant under the grant program for a qualified rural ambulance service provider, the qualified rural ambulance service provider is ineligible to receive additional grant funds under the grant program from another qualified county in the same fiscal year.

(5) In added Subsection (d) (page 1, line 54), strike "contract" and substitute "written agreement".

(6) In added Subsection (d) (page 1, line 57 through page 2, line 1), strike the final sentence of the subsection, including Subdivisions (1) and (2) of the subsection, and substitute the following:

In awarding the grants, the comptroller shall consider the county's ability to otherwise obtain the money necessary to provide adequate ground ambulance services, including considering for the county the average:

(1) per capita taxable property value;

(2) per capita income; and

(3) unemployment rate.

(7) In added Subsection (f) (page 2, line 10), between "ambulances" and "as", insert ", including necessary accessories and modifications,".

(8) In added Subsection (h) (page 2, lines 19 and 20), immediately following the second sentence of that subsection, insert "Until an ambulance becomes available for purchase, the county may deposit the grant funds in an interest bearing account and may treat any resulting proceeds as grant funds under the grant program.".

(9) In added Subsection (h)(2)(C) (page 2, line 27), immediately following the underlined semicolon, insert "and".

(10) In added Subsection (h)(3)(B) (page 2, line 33), strike "section; and" and substitute "section.".

(11) Strike added Subsection (h)(4) (page 2, lines 34 and 35).

The amendment to **HB 3000** was read and was adopted without objection.

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

HB 3000 as amended was passed to third reading by a viva voce vote.

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

HOUSE BILL 3000 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 **HB 3000** 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 HOUSE BILL 5616 ON SECOND READING

Senator Johnson moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSHB 5616** at this time on its second reading:

CSHB 5616, Relating to the Texas presidential library promotion program and funding for the program.

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

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

Nays: Hall, Hughes, Kolkhorst, Middleton, Sparks.

The bill was read second time.

Senator Johnson offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 1

Amend **CSHB 5616** (senate committee report) in SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 442.302(c), Government Code, as follows:

(1) Strike Subdivision (1) of that subsection (page 1, lines 44 and 45).

(2) Renumber the subdivisions of that subsection accordingly.

The amendment to **CSHB 5616** was read and was adopted without objection.

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

CSHB 5616 as amended was passed to third reading by the following vote: Yeas 26, Nays 5.

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

Nays: Hall, Hughes, Kolkhorst, Middleton, Sparks.

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 5616 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 **CSHB 5616** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

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

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

Nays: Hall, Hughes, Kolkhorst, Middleton, Sparks.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 26, Nays 5. (Same as previous roll call)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
HOUSE BILL 4211 ON SECOND READING

Senator Hughes moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSHB 4211** at this time on its second reading:

CSHB 4211, Relating to certain residential property interests controlled by certain entities.

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 third reading by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to third reading except as follows:

Nays: Eckhardt.

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
HOUSE BILL 4211 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 **CSHB 4211** 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)

(President in Chair)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

HOUSE CHAMBER
Austin, Texas
Tuesday, May 27, 2025 - 3

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:

SB 6 King Sponsor: King
Relating to the planning for, interconnection and operation of, and costs related to providing service for certain electrical loads.
(Committee Substitute/Amended)

SB 57 Zaffirini Sponsor: González, Mary
Relating to provisions and plans by public schools to ensure the safety of individuals with disabilities or impairments during a mandatory school drill or a disaster or emergency situation.
(Amended)

SB 127 Hall Sponsor: Money
Relating to the offense of failure to report child abuse or neglect by certain professionals and the statute of limitations for that offense; harmonizing other statute of limitations provisions.

SB 140 Hall Sponsor: Anchía
Relating to certain definitions relating to the regulation of and private rights of action arising from certain solicitation-related communications.
(Committee Substitute)

SB 293 Huffman Sponsor: Leach
Relating to the discipline of judges by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct, notice of certain reprimands, judicial compensation and related retirement benefits, and the reporting of certain judicial transparency information; authorizing an administrative penalty.
(Committee Substitute/Amended)

SB 401 Paxton Sponsor: Frank
Relating to participation by non-enrolled students in University Interscholastic League-sponsored activities.

SB 441 Hinojosa, Juan "Chuy" Sponsor: Lalani
Relating to civil liability for the production, solicitation, disclosure, or promotion of artificial intimate visual material.
(Committee Substitute/Amended)

SB 447 Hinojosa, Juan "Chuy" Sponsor: Morales, Eddie
Relating to authorizing certain municipalities to change the date on which their general election for officers is held.
(Amended)

SB 467 Paxton Sponsor: Hefner
Relating to a temporary exemption from ad valorem taxation of the appraised value of an improvement to a residence homestead that is completely destroyed by a fire.
(Committee Substitute)

SB 512 Kolkhorst Sponsor: Schofield
Relating to prohibiting the imposition of a monetary fine or penalty for a violation of a money services business's terms of service agreement; providing a civil penalty.
(Amended)

SB 546 Menéndez Sponsor: Craddick

Relating to seat belts on buses that transport children.

SB 785 Flores Sponsor: Guillen
Relating to the regulation of new HUD-code manufactured housing.
(Amended)

SB 1021 Huffman Sponsor: Harless
Relating to changing the eligibility for community supervision of a person convicted of stalking and to the offense of improper contact with the person's victim.

SB 1032 Kolkhorst Sponsor: Leach
Relating to the eligibility of postsecondary educational institutions to participate in the governor's university research initiative.

SB 1242 Birdwell Sponsor: Wilson
Relating to the acquisition of land and facilities by the Texas State Technical College System.

SB 1281 Parker Sponsor: Alders
Relating to certain criminal offenses involving mail or a mail receptacle key or lock; creating a criminal offense; increasing a criminal penalty.
(Committee Substitute)

SB 1343 Johnson Sponsor: Harris Davila
Relating to the notice requirements of a data broker registration statement and Internet website.

SB 1346 Hughes Sponsor: Patterson
Relating to prohibited sales to persons attempting to purchase all or substantially all possible winning tickets in a lottery drawing.

SB 1534 Zaffirini Sponsor: Lambert
Relating to a study and report by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board regarding health physics education in this state.

SB 1579 Blanco Sponsor: González, Mary
Relating to the appointment of a receiver for and sale of certain parcels of land that are abandoned, unoccupied, and undeveloped in certain municipalities.
(Amended)

SB 1663 Zaffirini Sponsor: Guillen
Relating to notification procedures concerning groundwater contamination.

SB 1838 Zaffirini Sponsor: Moody
Relating to the appointment of attorneys ad litem and the compensation of certain attorneys ad litem in suits affecting the parent-child relationship filed by a governmental entity.
(Committee Substitute)

SB 2055 West Sponsor: Lalani
Relating to participation in the Texas Leadership Scholars Program.

SB 2075 Zaffirini Sponsor: Phelan

Relating to the establishment, powers and duties, terms, and governance of certain advisory bodies for programs administered by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

SB 2167 Paxton Sponsor: Bumgarner
Relating to the licensing and regulation of massage therapy.
(Amended)

SB 2835 Johnson Sponsor: Talarico
Relating to municipal regulation of stairway requirements in certain apartment buildings.

SB 2878 Hughes Sponsor: Leach
Relating to the operation and administration of and practices and procedures related to proceedings in the judicial branch of state government, including court security, court documents and arrest warrants, document delivery, juvenile boards, and youth diversion, and to public office candidate eligibility; increasing a criminal penalty; authorizing fees.
(Committee Substitute/Amended)

SB 3059 Campbell Sponsor: Metcalf
Relating to the preservation, maintenance, restoration, and protection of the Alamo complex and surrounding area by the Alamo Commission.
(Amended)

Respectfully,

/s/Stephen Brown,
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1178 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Campbell and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **CSHB 1178** at this time on its second reading:

CSHB 1178, Relating to the creation of a temporary educator certificate for educators certified by other states.

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 1178 ON THIRD READING

Senator Campbell moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **CSHB 1178** 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
HOUSE BILL 2243 ON SECOND READING

Senator Creighton moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSHB 2243** at this time on its second reading:

CSHB 2243, Relating to the creation of the Texas Commission on Teacher Job Satisfaction and Retention.

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

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

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

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

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
HOUSE BILL 42 ON SECOND READING

Senator Huffman moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSHB 42** at this time on its second reading:

CSHB 42, Relating to the amount and allocation of the annual constitutional appropriation to certain agencies and institutions of higher education and to the permissible uses of that money.

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 third reading by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to third reading except as follows:

Nays: Middleton.

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
HOUSE BILL 42 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 **CSHB 42** 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 HOUSE BILL 2243 ON THIRD READING

Senator Creighton moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **CSHB 2243** be placed on its third reading and final passage:

CSHB 2243, Relating to the creation of the Texas Commission on Teacher Job Satisfaction and Retention.

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

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

Nays: Alvarado, Cook, Eckhardt, Johnson, Menéndez, West.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 21, Nays 10.

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

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

HOUSE CHAMBER
Austin, Texas
Tuesday, May 27, 2025 - 4

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:

SCR 52 Hinojosa, Adam Sponsor: Guillen
Returning House Bill No. 1240 to the Senate for further consideration.

THE HOUSE HAS TAKEN THE FOLLOWING OTHER ACTION:

HB 1240
Pursuant to the adoption of SCR 52, the house returns HB 1240 to the senate for further consideration.

Respectfully,

/s/Stephen Brown,
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

HOUSE BILL 2512 ON SECOND READING

Senator King moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **HB 2512** at this time on its second reading:

HB 2512, Relating to the release of certain areas from a municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction by petition or election.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 4.

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

Nays: Creighton, Hughes, Kolkhorst, Middleton.

The bill was read second time.

Senator King offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 1

Amend **HB 2512** (senate committee printing) as follows:

(1) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in amended Section 42.101(5), Local Government Code (page 1, line 44), immediately after the underlined semicolon, insert "or".

(2) In SECTION 1 of the bill, strike added Sections 42.101(6), (7), and (8), Local Government Code (page 1, lines 45-55), and substitute the following:

(6) for the extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality located in four or more counties, one of which has a population of 2.1 million or more and is adjacent to a county with a population of 2.6 million or more:

(A) in an area subject to an active development agreement entered into under Section 212.172 with the municipality;

(B) in a platted or unplatted lot of less than 12 acres unless included with the other land in a petition for release under Section 42.102; or

(C) within a platted subdivision of 25 or more lots if the area is a single lot.

(3) In SECTION 2 of the bill, in amended Section 42.151(5), Local Government Code (page 2, line 19), immediately after the underlined semicolon, insert "or".

(4) In SECTION 2 of the bill, strike added Sections 42.151(6), (7), and (8), Local Government Code (page 2, lines 20-30), and substitute the following:

(6) for the extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality located in four or more counties, one of which has a population of 2.1 million or more and is adjacent to a county with a population of 2.6 million or more:

(A) in an area subject to an active development agreement entered into under Section 212.172 with the municipality;

(B) in a platted or unplatted lot of less than 12 acres unless included with the other land in a petition for release under Section 42.152; or

(C) within a platted subdivision of 25 or more lots if the area is a single lot.

The amendment to **HB 2512** was read and was adopted without objection.

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

(Senator Parker in Chair)

Senator Schwertner offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 2

Amend **HB 2512** (senate committee report) as follows:

(1) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 42.101(7), Local Government Code (page 1, line 53), strike "or".

(2) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 42.101(8), Local Government Code (page 1, line 55), between "lot" and the period, insert the following:

; or

(9) in any portion of a municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction in which the municipality is certificated to provide water service if the municipality:

(A) has a population of 150,000 or less; and

(B) is wholly or partly located in a county with a population of 300,000 or less

(3) In SECTION 2 of the bill, in added Section 42.151(7), Local Government Code (page 2, line 28), strike "or".

(4) In SECTION 2 of the bill, in added Section 42.151(8), Local Government Code (page 2, line 30), between "lot" and the period, insert the following:

; or

(9) in any portion of a municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction in which the municipality is certificated to provide water service if the municipality:

(A) has a population of 150,000 or less; and

(B) is wholly or partly located in a county with a population of 300,000 or less

The amendment to **HB 2512** was read.

Senator Schwertner withdrew Floor Amendment No. 2.

(Senator Birdwell in Chair)

Senator Bettencourt offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 3

Amend **HB 2512** (senate committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION ___. Section 42.023, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 42.023. REDUCTION OF EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION. The extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality may not be reduced unless the governing body of the municipality gives its written consent by ordinance or resolution, except:

(1) in cases of judicial apportionment of overlapping extraterritorial jurisdictions under Section 42.901;

(2) in accordance with an agreement under Section 42.022(d); [~~or~~]

(3) as necessary to comply with Section 42.0235; or

(4) as necessary to comply with Subchapter D or E.

SECTION ___. Section 42.152, Local Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(a) A resident of an area in a municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction may request the municipality to hold an election in accordance with this subchapter to vote on the question of whether to release the area from the municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction by filing with the municipality a petition that includes the signatures of at least five percent of the registered voters residing in the area as of the date of the preceding uniform election date. A resident may only file for release of an area if the resident resides in the area subject to the release.

(d) If a municipality receives a petition under this section, the municipality shall provide notice of the petition to the residents and landowners of the area described by the petition. The municipality shall provide the notice not later than the seventh business day after the date the municipality receives the petition.

SECTION ___. Subchapter E, Chapter 42, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 42.157 to read as follows:

Sec. 42.157. OPT OUT OF REMOVAL. Before an area is released from a municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction under this subchapter, a landowner in the area to be released must be provided the opportunity to have the landowner's property remain within the municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction.

The amendment to **HB 2512** was read and was adopted without objection.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 3.

HB 2512 as amended was passed to third reading by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 4.

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

Nays: Creighton, Hughes, Kolkhorst, Middleton.

HOUSE BILL 2512 ON THIRD READING

Senator King moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **HB 2512** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 4.

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

Nays: Creighton, Hughes, Kolkhorst, Middleton.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 4. (Same as previous roll call)

MOTION TO PLACE HOUSE BILL 3372 ON SECOND READING

Senator Middleton moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **HB 3372** at this time on its second reading:

HB 3372, Relating to prohibiting certain personal services performed by school district administrators; providing a civil penalty.

Senator Middleton withdrew further consideration of **HB 3372**.

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 14 ON SECOND READING

Senator Schwertner moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSHB 14** at this time on its second reading:

CSHB 14, Relating to support for the development of the nuclear energy industry.

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

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

Nays: Birdwell, Cook, Johnson, Nichols, Sparks.

The bill was read second time.

(President in Chair)

Senator Schwertner offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 1

Amend **CSHB 14** (senate committee report) in SECTION 1 of the bill as follows:

(1) In added Section 483.001(2), Government Code (page 1, lines 37 and 38), strike "office to be either of generation III" and substitute "regulatory commission to be either of generation III+".

(2) Immediately after added Section 483.101(d), Government Code (page 2, between lines 41 and 42), insert the following appropriately designated subsection and reletter subsequent subsections accordingly:

( ) The office may not require an advanced nuclear project to be located in a specific location.

(3) In added Section 483.101(f), Government Code (page 2, line 48), between "office" and "shall", insert "and the utility commission".

(4) In added Section 483.102(d), Government Code (page 2, line 60, through page 3, line 1), strike Subdivisions (2) and (5) and renumber subsequent subdivisions accordingly.

(5) In added Section 483.103, Government Code (page 3, lines 5 and 6), strike "governor and Legislative Budget Board" and substitute "the governor, the legislature, and the Legislative Budget Board".

(6) Strike added Section 483.104(b), Government Code (page 3, lines 12 through 16), and substitute the following:

(b) A nuclear permitting coordinator must have a demonstrated familiarity with the permitting and regulatory process in this state.

(7) In added Section 483.104(c), Government Code (page 3, line 23), strike "assistance" and substitute "guidance".

(8) In added Section 483.201(b)(1), Government Code (page 3, lines 45 and 46), between "to" and "businesses", insert "eligible".

(9) In added Section 483.202(b), Government Code (page 3, line 56), strike "or the recipient's project partner's".

(10) In added Section 483.202(d), Government Code (page 4, line 13), between "received" and "if", insert "from that grant".

(11) In the heading to added Section 483.205, Government Code (page 5, line 24), strike "GRID-CAPABLE" and substitute "INTERCONNECTED".

(12) In added Section 483.205(a), Government Code (page 5, lines 25 through 27), strike "and operation of an advanced nuclear reactor in this state that is capable of interconnection with the ERCOT power grid" and substitute "of an operational advanced nuclear reactor in this state that is interconnected with the ERCOT power grid".

The amendment to **CSHB 14** was read and was adopted without objection.

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 **CSHB 14** (senate committee report) in SECTION 1 of the bill by striking added Section 483.002, Utilities Code (page 1, lines 59 and 60) and substituting the following:

Sec. 483.002. 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 and this chapter expires September 1, 2035.

The amendment to **CSHB 14** was read and was adopted without objection.

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

CSHB 14 as amended was passed to third reading by the following vote: Yeas 26, Nays 5.

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

Nays: Birdwell, Cook, Johnson, Nichols, Sparks.

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 14 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 **CSHB 14** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

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

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

Nays: Birdwell, Cook, Johnson, Nichols, Sparks.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 26, Nays 5. (Same as previous roll call)

HOUSE BILL 3057 ON SECOND READING

Senator Sparks moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **HB 3057** at this time on its second reading:

HB 3057, Relating to health benefit plan coverage for chimeric antigen receptor T-cell therapy.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hagenbuch 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 third reading by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to third reading except as follows:

Nays: Hagenbuch.

HOUSE BILL 3057 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 **HB 3057** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

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

Nays: Hagenbuch.

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

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1211 ON SECOND READING

Senator Menéndez moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSHB 1211** at this time on its second reading:

CSHB 1211, Relating to tuition and fee exemptions at public institutions of higher education for certain students who were under the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 4.

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

Nays: Creighton, Hughes, Kolkhorst, Schwertner.

The bill was read second time and was passed to third reading by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 4. (Same as previous roll call)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1211 ON THIRD READING

Senator Menéndez moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **CSHB 1211** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 4.

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

Nays: Creighton, Hughes, Kolkhorst, Schwertner.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 4. (Same as previous roll call)

HOUSE BILL 3372 ON SECOND READING

Senator Middleton again moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **HB 3372** at this time on its second reading:

HB 3372, Relating to prohibiting certain personal services performed by school district administrators; providing a civil penalty.

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

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

Nays: Alvarado, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, Menéndez, West, Zaffirini.

The bill was read second time.

Senator Middleton offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 1

Amend **HB 3372** (senate committee report) in SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 11.006, Education Code, as follows:

(1) In added Subsection (b)(2) (page 1, line 38), between "(2)" and "an", insert except as provided by Subsection (c),".

(2) In added Subsection (b)(3) (page 1, line 41), between "(3)" and "another", insert "except as provided by Subsection, (c),".

(3) After added Subsection (b) (page 1, between lines 42 and 43), add the following and reletter subsequent subsections and cross-references to those subsections accordingly:

(c) An administrator, other than a trustee, member of a board of managers, superintendent, or assistant superintendent, may receive a financial benefit under Subsections (b) (2) and (3) if:

(1) a written contract describing the services to be performed by the administrator is provided to the board of trustees of the administrator's employing district; and

(2) the board of trustees for the administrator's employing district votes to approve the contract after determining that:

(A) the contract will not harm the district;

(B) the arrangement does not present a conflict of interest; and

(C) the services to be performed by the administrator will be performed entirely on the administrator's personal time.

(d) A contract provided to a board of trustees under Subsection (c) is subject to disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code.

The amendment to **HB 3372** was read and was adopted without objection.

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

Senator Menéndez offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 2

Amend **HB 3372** (senate committee report) in SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 11.006, Education Code, as follows:

(1) In subsection (a), on page 1, line 30, immediately after "district" insert "or open-enrollment charter school".

(2) In subsection (a), on page 1, line 32, between "district" and "employee" insert "or open-enrollment charter school".

(3) In subsection (b), on page 1, line 37, between "district" and "that" insert "or open-enrollment charter school".

The amendment to **HB 3372** was read.

Senator Menéndez withdrew Floor Amendment No. 2.

HB 3372 as amended was passed to third reading by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Nays: Eckhardt.

HOUSE BILL 3372 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 **HB 3372** 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)

HOUSE BILL 2407 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Hagenbuch and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **HB 2407** at this time on its second reading:

HB 2407, Relating to increasing the criminal penalty for the failure of certain sex offenders to comply with sex offender registration requirements.

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.

HOUSE BILL 2407 ON THIRD READING

Senator Hagenbuch moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **HB 2407** 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
HOUSE BILL 4623 ON SECOND READING

Senator Paxton moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSHB 4623** at this time on its second reading:

CSHB 4623, Relating to liability of public schools and professional school employees for sexual misconduct involving students.

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.

Senator Paxton offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 1

Amend **CSHB 4623** (senate committee report) by striking all below the enacting clause and substituting the following:

SECTION 1. Title 5, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is amended by adding Chapter 118 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 118. LIABILITY OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR CERTAIN ACTS OR OMISSIONS

Sec. 118.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Open-enrollment charter school" has the meaning assigned by Section 5.001, Education Code.

(2) "Professional school employee" includes:

(A) a superintendent or administrator serving as educational leader and chief executive officer of the school, principal or equivalent chief operating officer, teacher, including a substitute teacher, supervisor, social worker, school counselor, nurse, and teacher's aide employed by a public school;

(B) a teacher employed by a company that contracts with a public school to provide the teacher's services to the school;

(C) a student in an education preparation program participating in a field experience or internship;

(D) a school bus driver certified in accordance with standards and qualifications adopted by the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas;

(E) a member of the board of trustees of an independent school district or a member of the governing body of an open-enrollment charter school; and

(F) any other person employed by a public school whose employment requires certification and the exercise of discretion.

(3) "Public school" means an independent school district or an open-enrollment charter school.

(4) "Sexual misconduct" means sexual abuse or conduct described by Section 20A.02, 21.02, 21.07, 21.08, 21.11, 21.12, 21.15, 21.16, 21.165, 21.17, 21.18, 21.19, 22.011, 22.012, 22.021, or 43.25, Penal Code.

Sec. 118.002. LIABILITY. (a) A public school that is grossly negligent or reckless, or engages in intentional misconduct, in hiring, supervising, or employing a professional school employee is liable for an act or omission that is committed by the employee against a student enrolled in the school and that is:

(1) sexual misconduct; or

(2) failure to report suspected child abuse or neglect under Section 261.101, Family Code.

(b) In an action against a public school under this chapter, the professional school employee who committed the act or omission on which the claim is based must be named as a defendant.

Sec. 118.003. DAMAGES. A claimant who prevails in an action under this chapter shall be awarded actual damages in a maximum amount of $500,000 for each claimant.

Sec. 118.004. COURT COSTS AND ATTORNEY'S FEES. A party who prevails in an action under this chapter is entitled to:

(1) court costs; and

(2) reasonable and necessary attorney's fees.

Sec. 118.005. REMEDIES NOT EXCLUSIVE. The remedies authorized by this chapter are in addition to any other legal remedies.

Sec. 118.006. WAIVER OF GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY; OFFICIAL IMMUNITY ABOLISHED. (a) A public school's governmental immunity to suit and from liability is waived to the extent of liability created by this chapter.

(b) A professional school employee may not assert official immunity under Subchapter B, Chapter 22, Education Code, the common law, or any other law in an action brought under this chapter.

SECTION 2. Chapter 118, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, as added by this Act, applies only to an act or omission that occurs on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

The amendment to **CSHB 4623** was read and was adopted without objection.

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

CSHB 4623 as amended was passed to third reading by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to third reading except as follows:

Nays: Eckhardt.

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 4623 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 **CSHB 4623** 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)

REASON FOR VOTE

Senator Eckhardt submitted the following reason for vote on **CSHB 4623**:

This bill is well intentioned in its desire to hold protectors of pedophiles accountable. But school employees who protect pedophiles are acting in their individual capacity and therefore can already be sued and possibly criminally prosecuted. Protecting a pedophile by acting or failing to act is not within the job description of any public school employee and is therefore not under the shield of sovereign immunity.

Sexual abuse of children is real and devastating. It can occur in schools, churches, and within families. It often continues because school administrators, church administrators or family members know but look away.

I believe that every member of the Texas Senate is genuine in their intention to protect children from sex offenders. But this bill does not make our children safer. What it does is continue a false political narrative, asserted in multiple bills this session,

claiming our public schools are bastions of depravity, infested with educators intent on perverting our children. Their narrative would have us believe that school administrators can't be trusted, teachers can't be trusted and librarians can't be trusted. The rhetoric of danger around every corner actually makes it harder, not easier, to keep our children safe from true threats.

ECKHARDT

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 4 ON SECOND READING

Senator Bettencourt moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSHB 4** at this time on its second reading:

CSHB 4, Relating to the assessment of public school students, public school accountability and actions, and proceedings challenging the operations of the public school system.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 23, Nays 8.

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, Zaffirini.

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

The bill was read second time and was passed to third reading by the following vote: Yeas 23, Nays 8. (Same as previous roll call)

HOUSE BILL 3749 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Campbell and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **HB 3749** at this time on its second reading:

HB 3749, Relating to the regulation of the provision of elective intravenous therapy.

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.

HOUSE BILL 3749 ON THIRD READING

Senator Campbell moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **HB 3749** 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 BILL 100 ON SECOND READING

Senator Middleton moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **HB 100** at this time on its second reading:

HB 100, Relating to the purchase, adoption, and use of instructional materials by public schools.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 4.

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

Nays: Cook, Eckhardt, Miles, West.

The bill was read second time.

Senator Middleton offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 1

Amend **HB 100** (senate committee report) as follows:

(1) In SECTION 6 of the bill, providing a school year of applicability (page 2, line 8), strike "2025-2026" and substitute "2026-2027".

(2) Add the following appropriately number SECTION to the bill and renumber subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION ___ . The change in law made by this Act applies to instructional materials placed or maintained on the list of rejected materials by the State Board of Education under Section 31.022(a), Education Code, on or after the school year in which this Act applies.

The amendment to **HB 100** was read and was adopted without objection.

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

HB 100 as amended was passed to third reading by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 4.

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

Nays: Cook, Eckhardt, Miles, West.

HOUSE BILL 100 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 **HB 100** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 4.

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

Nays: Cook, Eckhardt, Miles, West.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 4. (Same as previous roll call)

HOUSE BILL 5629 ON SECOND READING

Senator Sparks moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **HB 5629** at this time on its second reading:

HB 5629, Relating to the occupational licensing of military service members, military veterans, and military spouses.

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 third reading by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to third reading except as follows:

Nays: Schwertner.

HOUSE BILL 5629 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 **HB 5629** 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)

HOUSE BILL 640 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Parker and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **HB 640** at this time on its second reading:

HB 640, Relating to the office hours of an election authority during an election period.

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.

HOUSE BILL 640 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 **HB 640** 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)

HOUSE BILL 705 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Zaffirini and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **HB 705** at this time on its second reading:

HB 705, Relating to the Cosmetology Licensure Compact; authorizing fees.

The bill was read second time.

Senator Zaffirini offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 1

Amend **HB 705** (senate committee report), in SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 1604.001, Occupations Code, by striking Article 15 of that section (page 17, lines 25 through 30) and substituting the following:

ARTICLE 15- CONSISTENT EFFECT AND CONFLICT WITH OTHER STATE LAWS

A. The purpose of this compact is to facilitate multistate licensure of Cosmetologists. Nothing herein shall subject a Member State to any laws, rules, or regulations from any other Member State beyond the intended purpose of this compact.

B. Nothing herein shall require any Member State to adopt additional laws or policies beyond the intended purpose of this compact.

C. Nothing herein shall prevent or inhibit the enforcement of any other law of a Member State.

D. All permissible agreements between the Commission and the Member States are binding in accordance with their terms.

The amendment to **HB 705** was read and was adopted without objection.

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

HB 705 as amended was passed to third reading by a viva voce vote.

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

HOUSE BILL 705 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 **HB 705** 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 HOUSE BILL 3783 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Parker and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **CSHB 3783** at this time on its second reading:

CSHB 3783, Relating to court-ordered counseling in certain suits affecting the parent-child relationship.

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 3783 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 **CSHB 3783** 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 BILL 5699 ON SECOND READING

Senator Huffman moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **HB 5699** at this time on its second reading:

HB 5699, Relating to the authority of the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 405 to exclude territory; validating and confirming all previous acts of the district.

The motion prevailed.

Senators Hughes, Middleton, and Sparks 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 third reading by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to third reading except as follows:

Nays: Hughes, Middleton, Sparks.

HOUSE BILL 5699 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 **HB 5699** 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, Hagenbuch, Hall, Hancock, A. Hinojosa, J. Hinojosa, Huffman, Johnson, King, Kolkhorst, Menéndez, Miles, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, West, Zaffirini.

Nays: Hughes, Middleton, Sparks.

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

HOUSE BILL 2078 ON SECOND READING

Senator Perry moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **HB 2078** at this time on its second reading:

HB 2078, Relating to the joint planning of desired future conditions in groundwater management areas.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Creighton 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 third reading by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to third reading except as follows:

Nays: Creighton.

HOUSE BILL 2078 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 **HB 2078** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

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

Nays: Creighton.

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

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
HOUSE BILL 4 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 **CSHB 4** be placed on its third reading and final passage:

CSHB 4, Relating to the assessment of public school students, public school accountability and actions, and proceedings challenging the operations of the public school system.

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

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

Nays: Cook, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, Menéndez, Miles, West.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 23, Nays 8.

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, Zaffirini.

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

SENATE RULES SUSPENDED
(Posting Rules)

On motion of Senator Huffman and by unanimous consent, Senate Rule 11.10(a) and Senate Rule 11.18(a) were suspended in order that the Committee on Finance might meet at 8:15 p.m. today in the Senate Press Room, 2E.9, and consider **HB 1057**.

(Senator Parker in Chair)

SENATE RULES SUSPENDED
(Posting Rules)

On motion of Senator Flores and by unanimous consent, Senate Rule 11.10(a) and Senate Rule 11.18(a) were suspended in order that the Committee on Criminal Justice might meet at 8:30 p.m. today in the Senate Press Room, 2E.9, and consider **HB 3664**.

RECESS

On motion of Senator Zaffirini, the Senate at 8:11 p.m. recessed until 8:50 p.m. today.

AFTER RECESS

The Senate met at 9:09 p.m. and was called to order by Senator Flores.

VOTE RECONSIDERED ON COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 500

On motion of Senator Huffman and by unanimous consent, the vote by which **CSHB 500** was finally passed was reconsidered:

CSHB 500, Relating to making supplemental appropriations and reductions in appropriations and giving direction and adjustment authority regarding appropriations.

Question: Shall **CSHB 500** be finally passed?

The bill was again read third time.

Senator Huffman offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 1 on Third Reading

Amend **CSHB 500** on third reading as follows:

(1) Immediately following SECTION 3.19 of the bill (page 15, between lines 55 and 56), insert the following:

SECTION 3.20. TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY: DEMONSTRATION REACTOR AND WATER DESALINATION. (a) The amount of $120,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to Texas Tech University for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to support:

(1) the design, construction permitting, operation licensing, and construction of an advanced nuclear reactor; and

(2) research relating to water desalination in the Permian Basin in cooperation with the Texas Produced Water Consortium.

(b) The legislature finds that there is a demonstrated need for the appropriation of general revenue funds for the purposes described by Subsection (a)(1) of this section. The appropriation made by this section is contingent on approval by two-thirds of each chamber of the legislature, as required under Section 17(j), Article VII, Texas Constitution.

(2) In SECTION 13.01(c) of the bill, adding an effective date (page 44, line 25), between "3.18," and "9.19", insert "3.20,".

(3) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTION to Article 1 of the bill and renumber subsequent SECTIONS of that article and references to those SECTIONS accordingly:

SECTION 1.__. TRUSTEED PROGRAMS WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR: CONTINGENT APPROPRIATION. Contingent on the enactment of H.B. 2217 or similar legislation of the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, relating to establishing a grant program to equip motor vehicles used by peace officers with certain bullet-resistant components, the amount of $5,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Trusteed Programs within the Office of the Governor for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to be used for purposes consistent with that legislation.

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

SECTION 3.__. WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORKFORCE INITIATIVE. The amount of $4,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to West Texas A&M University for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to support a behavioral health workforce initiative to increase the supply and quantity of a behavioral health workforce in the Texas Panhandle.

SECTION 3.__. UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MEDICAL BRANCH GALVESTON: AGING AND TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE (AGE-TECH). The amount of $5,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to support the creation of the Aging and Technology Initiative to provide artificial intelligence-powered and robotic solutions to help maintain the independence of aging Texans in their homes.

SECTION 3.__. TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY - CENTRAL TEXAS: MILITARY TALENT PIPELINE. The amount of $2,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to Texas A&M University - Central Texas for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to establish a new Military Transition Program to support veterans transitioning from active duty to the civilian workforce through development of coursework and training in semiconductor technology, cybersecurity, data analytics, and STEM education and accelerated career paths for veterans.

(5) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTION to Article 6 of the bill and renumber subsequent SECTIONS of that article accordingly:

SECTION 6.__. PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT: AQUARIUM GRANT. The amount of $2,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Parks and Wildlife Department for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to provide a grant to the Texas State Aquarium Wildlife Rescue Center.

The amendment to **CSHB 500** was read and was adopted without objection.

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

CSHB 500 as amended was again finally passed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

(President in Chair)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 46 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 46** at this time on its second reading:

CSHB 46, Relating to the medical use of low-THC cannabis under and the administration of the Texas Compassionate-Use Program; requiring registration.

The bill was read second time.

Senator Perry offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 1

Amend **CSHB 46** (senate committee report) in SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 487.001(5), Health and Safety Code (page 1, line 31), between "organization" and the underlined period by inserting the following:

and who:

(A) owns more than 10 percent of the dispensing organization, if the organization is a publicly traded or privately held corporation; or

(B) is a governing person or an officer, as those terms are defined by Section 1.002, Business Organizations Code, of the dispensing organization

The amendment to **CSHB 46** was read and was adopted without objection.

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

Senator Perry offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 2

Amend **CSHB 46** (senate committee report) as follows:

(1) In SECTION 6 of the bill, in added Section 487.104(d), Health and Safety Code (page 2, line 47), strike "nine" and substitute "12".

(2) In SECTION 17 of the bill, requiring the issuance of licenses to dispensing organizations (page 5, lines 5 and 9), strike "nine" and substitute "12" in each place it appears.

The amendment to **CSHB 46** was read and was adopted without objection.

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

Senator Perry offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 3

Amend **CSHB 46** (senate committee report) in SECTION 6 of the bill, by striking added Section 487.104(e), Health and Safety Code (page 2, lines 52-55), and substituting the following:

(e) The department shall issue initial licenses to dispensing organizations under this section:

(1) based on a competitive evaluation of applicant qualifications relative to other applicants; and

(2) giving preference to a dispensing organization:

(A) that has or plans to have the organization's principal place of business in this state; or

(B) each owner of which is a resident of this state.

The amendment to **CSHB 46** was read and was adopted without objection.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 3.

Senator Perry offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 4

Amend **CSHB 46** (senate committee report) as follows:

(1) Strike the recital to SECTION 13 of the bill, amending Section 169.001, Occupations Code (page 4, lines 7 and 8), and substitute the following:

SECTION 13. Section 169.001, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 169.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Chronic pain" means pain that is not relieved with acute, post-surgical, post-procedure, or persistent non-chronic pain treatment and is associated with a chronic pathological process that causes continuous or intermittent pain for more than 90 days from the date of the initial prescription prescribing treatment with an opioid.

(1-a) "Department" means the Department of Public Safety.

(2) [~~(1-a)~~] "Incurable neurodegenerative disease" means a disease designated as an incurable neurodegenerative disease by rule of the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission, adopted in consultation with the National Institutes of Health.

(2) In SECTION 14 of the bill, in amended Section 169.003(a)(3)(A)(x), Occupations Code (page 4, line 43), following the underlined semicolon, strike "or".

(3) In SECTION 14 of the bill, in amended Section 169.003(a)(3)(A)(xi), Occupations Code (page 4, line 44), between "(xi)" and "a", insert the following:

chronic pain; or
(xii)

(4) In SECTION 14 of the bill, in amended Section 169.003, Occupations Code (page 4, between lines 56 and 57), immediately following added Subsection (b) of that section, insert the following:

(c) The board by rule shall establish procedures for oversight and monitoring of physicians qualified to prescribe low-THC cannabis under this chapter to prevent low-THC cannabis prescription misuse.

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

SECTION ____. Section 169.002, Occupations Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(b) Except as otherwise provided by this section, a [~~A~~] physician is qualified to prescribe low-THC cannabis with respect to a patient's particular medical condition if the physician:

(1) is licensed under this subtitle;

(2) is board certified in a medical specialty relevant to the treatment of the patient's particular medical condition by a specialty board approved by the American Board of Medical Specialties or the Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists; and

(3) dedicates a significant portion of clinical practice to the evaluation and treatment of the patient's particular medical condition.

(d) A physician is qualified to prescribe low-THC cannabis for a patient diagnosed with chronic pain only if the physician:

(1) meets the qualifications described by Subsections (b)(1) and (3); and

(2) is board certified or holds a subspecialty certification in pain medicine by a specialty board as described in Subsection (b)(2).

SECTION ____. As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, the Texas Medical Board shall adopt the rules required by Section 169.003(c), Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

The amendment to **CSHB 46** was read and was adopted without objection.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 4.

Senator Perry offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 5

Amend **CSHB 46** (senate committee report) as follows:

(1) In SECTION 14 of the bill, in Section 169.003, Occupations Code strike (b) (page 4, lines 51 through 56) and substitute the following:

(b) Each prescription issued by a physician to a patient for low-THC cannabis:

(1) may only provide for up to a 90-day supply of low-THC cannabis based on the dosage prescribed to the patient; and

(2) may provide up to three refills of a 90-day supply of low-THC cannabis.

The amendment to **CSHB 46** was read and was adopted without objection.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 5.

Senator Perry offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 6

Amend **CSHB 46** (senate committee report) as follows:

(1) In SECTION 17 of the bill, requiring the issuance of licenses to dispensing organizations (page 5, line 4), between "SECTION 17." and "Not", insert the following:

(a) Not later than October 1, 2025, the Department of Public Safety shall license three additional dispensing organizations in accordance with Section 487.104, Health and Safety Code, as amended by this Act, provided at least three applicants for a license to operate as a dispensing organization have met the requirements for approval provided by Subchapter C, Chapter 487, Health and Safety Code, as amended by this Act. The department may issue a new license as provided by this subsection only to a dispensing organization that applied for a license in 2023.

(b)

(2) In SECTION 17 of the bill, requiring the issuance of licenses to dispensing organizations (page 5, line 8), between "this Act" and ", provided", insert "and those licensed under Subsection (a) of this section".

The amendment to **CSHB 46** was read and was adopted without objection.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 6.

Senator Perry offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 7

Amend **CSHB 46** (senate committee report) as follows:

(1) Strike SECTION 18 of the bill, (page 5, lines 13 through 19) and substitute the following:

SECTION 18. Not later than October 1, 2025:

(1) the Department of Public Safety shall propose the rules necessary to implement Sections 487.1035 and 487.1045, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act; and

(2) the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall propose the rules necessary to implement Section 169.006, Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

The amendment to **CSHB 46** was read and was adopted without objection.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 7.

CSHB 46 as amended 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 46 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 46** 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 BILL 126 ON SECOND READING

Senator Creighton again moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **HB 126** at this time on its second reading:

HB 126, Relating to the compensation and professional representation of prospective student athletes and student athletes participating in intercollegiate athletic programs at certain institutions of higher education.

The motion prevailed.

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

The bill was read second time.

Senator Creighton offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 1

Amend **HB 126** (senate committee report) as follows:

(1) In the recital to SECTION 1 of the bill, amending Section 51.9246, Education Code (page 1, lines 28 and 29), strike "(c-2) and (c-3)" and substitute "(c-2), (c-3), and (k-1)".

(2) In SECTION 1 of the bill, immediately following amended Section 51.9246(g), Education Code (page 2, between lines 51 and 52), insert the following:

(k-1) Notwithstanding subsection (c-2), an individual, corporate entity, or other organization, including an institution to which this section applies, may not enter into an arrangement with a prospective student athlete younger than 17 years of age or with any family members of the prospective student athlete, whether related by blood (consanguinity) or through marriage (affinity), relating to the athlete's name, image, or likeness unless, the athlete is enrolled at an institution of higher education.

The amendment to **HB 126** was read and was adopted without objection.

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

HB 126 as amended was passed to third reading by a viva voce vote.

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

HOUSE BILL 126 ON THIRD READING

Senator Creighton moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **HB 126** 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 BILL 3441 ON SECOND READING

Senator Hall moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **HB 3441** at this time on its second reading:

HB 3441, Relating to the liability of vaccine manufacturers that advertise a harmful vaccine.

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 third reading by the following vote: Yeas 21, Nays 10. (Same as previous roll call)

HOUSE BILL 4748 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Zaffirini and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **HB 4748** at this time on its second reading:

HB 4748, Relating to state agency purchasing methods and procedures, including a state agency multiple award contract purchasing procedure.

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.

HOUSE BILL 4748 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 **HB 4748** 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 HOUSE BILL 1690 ON SECOND READING

Senator Kolkhorst moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSHB 1690** at this time on its second reading:

CSHB 1690, Relating to an application for a permit for the transfer of groundwater out of a groundwater conservation district.

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 third reading by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to third reading except as follows:

Nays: Middleton.

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1690 ON THIRD READING

Senator Kolkhorst moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **CSHB 1690** 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 HOUSE BILL 1056 ON SECOND READING

Senator Hughes moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSHB 1056** at this time on its second reading:

CSHB 1056, Relating to the recognition of gold and silver specie as legal tender and the establishment of a transactional currency based on gold and silver; authorizing a fee.

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

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

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

The bill was read second time.

Senator Hughes offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 1

Amend **CSHB 1056** (senate committee report) by striking all below the enacting clause and substituting the following:

SECTION 1. Chapter 2116, Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter D to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER D. GOLD AND SILVER SPECIE AND CURRENCY

Sec. 2116.101. LEGAL TENDER. (a) To the extent authorized by Section 10, Article I, United States Constitution, gold and silver specie that meet the requirements of this section are legal tender in this state.

(b) To be legal tender in this state, gold and silver specie:

(1) must be imprinted, stamped, or otherwise marked with the specie's weight and purity and may be imprinted, stamped, or otherwise marked with a name or symbol that identifies a refiner or mint of the specie; and

(2) except for the information described by Subdivision (1), may not be imprinted, stamped, or otherwise marked with any name, symbol, or other information or design, including any suggestion that the specie has been minted or issued by a government.

(c) This section does not:

(1) restrict the electronic transfer of gold and silver specie or gold and silver currency as legal tender for the payment of a debt;

(2) apply to United States coins or currency issued or recognized under federal law; or

(3) prohibit or limit the legal tender, acceptance, or use of Federal Reserve notes in the payment of a debt.

(d) A person may not be required to offer or accept gold and silver specie or gold and silver currency as legal tender for the payment of a debt, for deposit, or for any other purpose.

Sec. 2116.102. TRANSACTIONAL CURRENCY. The comptroller may establish or authorize one or more electronic systems that enable a depositor or vendor to make and receive payments using a currency backed by gold and silver bullion held in the depository.

Sec. 2116.103. CONTRACTING. The comptroller may contract with one or more vendors to implement this subchapter. To the extent consistent with state and federal law, in contracting with a vendor under this section, the comptroller shall give preference to a vendor whose principal place of business is in this state.

Sec. 2116.104. RULES. The comptroller shall adopt rules as necessary or convenient to implement and administer this subchapter, including rules to:

(1) provide for the security of transactions in gold and silver specie and gold and silver currency and related information;

(2) determine the value of the gold and silver currency described by Section 2116.102 at the time of a transaction or in a commercially reasonable manner;

(3) establish a fee that is reasonable and necessary to administer this subchapter;

(4) authorize and approve vendors, including financial institutions, to provide an electronic system described by Section 2116.102; and

(5) adopt policies and procedures to prevent:

(A) fraud; and

(B) transactions in gold and silver specie or gold and silver currency involving a foreign adversary, or a person associated with a foreign adversary, as determined under 15 C.F.R. Section 791.4.

SECTION 2. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) of this section, this Act takes effect September 1, 2026.

(b) Section 2116.101, Government Code, as added by this Act, takes effect May 1, 2026.

The amendment to **CSHB 1056** was read.

Senator Bettencourt offered the following amendment to Floor Amendment No. 1:

Floor Amendment No. 2

Amend Floor Amendment No. 1 by Hughes (89R33066) to **CSHB 1056**:
No. 1056 on page 3, line 2, by striking "September 1, 2026" and substituting for "May 1, 2027" and on page 3, line 4 striking "May 1, 2026" and substituting for "September 1, 2026".

The amendment to Floor Amendment No. 1 to **CSHB 1056** was read and was adopted without objection.

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

Nays: Nichols.

Question recurring on the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 to **CSHB 1056**, the amendment as amended was adopted by a viva voce vote.

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

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

Present-not voting: Bettencourt.

CSHB 1056 as amended was passed to third reading by the following vote: Yeas 18, Nays 12, Present-not voting 1.

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

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

Present-not voting: Bettencourt.

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 150 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Parker and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business and Senate Rule 5.14 were suspended to take up for consideration **CSHB 150** at this time on its second reading:

CSHB 150, Relating to the establishment of the Texas Cyber Command and the transfer to it of certain powers and duties of the Department of Information Resources.

The bill was read second time.

Senator Parker offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 1

Amend **CSHB 150** (89R 33580) as follows:

(1) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 2063.009, Government Code (page 8, lines 20 and 21), strike ", with advice from the department,".

(2) Strike SECTION 10 of the bill (page 26, line 17, through page 28, line 7), and renumber subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly.

(3) In SECTION 43 of the bill, in Section 2059.1055, Government Code (page 61, lines 8 though 13) amend to read as follows:

Sec.2059.1055.NETWORK SECURITY IN A STATE OF DISASTER. The department, in coordination with the command, shall disconnect the computer network of an entity receiving security services under this chapter from the Internet if the governor issues an order under Section 418.0195 to disconnect the network because of a substantial external threat to the entity's computer network.

(4) In SECTION 51 of the bill, in Subsection (b-1) (page 64, line 6), strike "2063.0025" and substitute "2063.002".

The amendment to **CSHB 150** was read and was adopted without objection.

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

CSHB 150 as amended 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 150 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 **CSHB 150** 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 BILL 3441 ON THIRD READING

Senator Hall moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **HB 3441** be placed on its third reading and final passage:

HB 3441, Relating to the liability of vaccine manufacturers that advertise a harmful vaccine.

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

Yeas: Alvarado, Bettencourt, Birdwell, 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: Blanco, Cook, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, Johnson, Miles.

The bill was read third time and was passed 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.

HOUSE BILL 4134 ON SECOND READING

Senator Menéndez moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **HB 4134** at this time on its second reading:

HB 4134, Relating to a convenience fee for processing electronic payments for motor vehicles.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hughes 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 third reading by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to third reading except as follows:

Nays: Hughes.

HOUSE BILL 4134 ON THIRD READING

Senator Menéndez moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **HB 4134** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

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

Nays: Hughes.

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

(Senator Flores in Chair)

HOUSE BILL 1234 ON SECOND READING

Senator Hagenbuch moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **HB 1234** at this time on its second reading:

HB 1234, Relating to certain procedures required for the denial of certain applications for a license to carry a handgun.

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

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

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

The bill was read second time.

Senator Hagenbuch offered the following amendment to the bill:

Floor Amendment No. 1

Amend **HB 1234** (senate committee report) in SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 411.1765(c), Government Code (page 1, line 44), between "board" and "described by", by inserting "panel".

The amendment to **HB 1234** was read and was adopted without objection.

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

HB 1234 as amended was passed to third reading by the following vote: Yeas 25, Nays 6.

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

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

HOUSE BILL 1234 ON THIRD READING

Senator Hagenbuch moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **HB 1234** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

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

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

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

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

HOUSE BILL 229 ON SECOND READING

Senator Middleton moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **HB 229** at this time on its second reading:

HB 229, Relating to general definitions for and collection of governmental information regarding biological sex.

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 third reading by the following vote: Yeas 20, Nays 11. (Same as previous roll call)

REMARKS ORDERED PRINTED

On motion of Senator Johnson and by unanimous consent, the remarks by Senators Cook and Middleton regarding **HB 229** were ordered reduced to writing and printed in the *Senate Journal.*

The remarks are printed in an addendum to this day's Journal.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON SENATE BILL 21

Senator Schwertner submitted the following Conference Committee Report:

Austin, Texas
May 25, 2025

Honorable Dan Patrick
President of the Senate

Honorable Dustin Burrows
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Sirs:

We, Your Conference Committee, appointed to adjust the differences between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **SB 21** have had the same under consideration, and beg to report it back with the recommendation that it do pass in the form and text hereto attached.

SCHWERTNER	CAPRIGLIONE
BLANCO	OLIVERSON
CAMPBELL	L. GARCIA
JOHNSON	CUNNINGHAM
KING	LONGORIA
On the part of the Senate	On the part of the House

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

relating to the establishment and administration of the Texas Strategic Bitcoin Reserve for the purpose of investing in cryptocurrency and the investment authority of the comptroller of public accounts over the reserve and certain other state funds.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the Texas Strategic Bitcoin Reserve and Investment Act.

SECTION 2. Chapter 403, Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter V to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER V. TEXAS STRATEGIC BITCOIN RESERVE

Sec. 403.701. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

(1) "Airdrop" means a gratuitous distribution of cryptocurrency to persons who hold cryptocurrency, generally made in a broad, equitable, and nondiscretionary manner.

(2) "Bitcoin" means a type of decentralized cryptocurrency created by a peer-to-peer network that operates independently of any central authority or bank.

(3) "Cold storage" means a method of storing private keys required to engage in transactions involving cryptocurrency that:

(A) has a nexus to a secure physical location;

(B) is protected from unauthorized access; and

(C) is isolated from any Internet network connections.

(4) "Cryptocurrency" means a type of virtual currency that utilizes cryptography to secure transactions that are digitally recorded on a distributed ledger, such as a blockchain.

(5) "Fork" means a change to the consensus mechanism of a distributed ledger that creates a separate ledger, which may result in a new cryptocurrency that shares a common transaction history with the previous cryptocurrency up to the point of the change.

(6) "Qualified custodian" means a state or federally chartered financial institution or other entity regulated by this state that has custody of a virtual currency.

(7) "Reserve" means the Texas Strategic Bitcoin Reserve established under this subchapter.

(8) "Virtual currency" has the meaning assigned by Section 12.001, Business & Commerce Code.

Sec. 403.702. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS; PURPOSE. The legislature finds that:

(1) bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies are assets with strategic potential for enhancing this state's financial resilience;

(2) bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies can serve as a hedge against inflation and economic volatility; and

(3) the establishment of a strategic bitcoin reserve serves the public purpose of providing enhanced financial security to residents of this state.

Sec. 403.703. ESTABLISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF RESERVE. (a) The Texas Strategic Bitcoin Reserve is established as a special fund outside the state treasury. The comptroller has custody of and shall administer and manage the reserve. The reserve consists of:

(1) money transferred or deposited to the credit of the reserve by legislative appropriation;

(2) revenue that the legislature by general law dedicates for deposit to the credit of the reserve;

(3) subject to Section 403.704, bitcoin and other cryptocurrency purchased using money in or received by the reserve, including any cryptocurrency:

(A) derived from the fork of a distributed ledger; or

(B) distributed pursuant to an airdrop to the state's cryptocurrency addresses; and

(4) investment earnings and interest or rewards earned on assets in the reserve.

(b) In its administration and management of the reserve, the comptroller may acquire, exchange, sell, supervise, manage, or retain any kind of investment that a prudent investor exercising reasonable care, skill, and caution would acquire, exchange, sell, supervise, manage, or retain in light of the purposes, terms, distribution requirements, and other circumstances then prevailing for the reserve, taking into consideration the investment of all the assets of the reserve rather than a single investment.

(c) The legislature may appropriate funds for deposit to the credit of the reserve for the purposes of:

(1) investing in bitcoin or other cryptocurrency; and

(2) administering and managing the reserve.

(d) The comptroller may spend bitcoin or other cryptocurrency in the reserve or use the net proceeds from the sale of bitcoin or other cryptocurrency in the reserve to pay the reasonable costs associated with administering and managing the reserve.

(e) Money in the reserve may be invested with the state treasury pool.

(f) Except as provided by Section 403.706, the comptroller may not transfer money in the reserve to the state treasury unless authorized by the legislature in the General Appropriations Act or another law.

Sec. 403.704. MARKET CAPITALIZATION REQUIREMENT. Bitcoin or other cryptocurrency purchased using money in the reserve must have an average market capitalization of at least $500 billion over the most recent 24-month period.

Sec. 403.705. THIRD-PARTY CONTRACTS AND PERMISSIBLE TRANSACTIONS; AUDITS. (a) The comptroller may contract with one or more third-party entities for the administration or management of the reserve, including contracting with:

(1) a qualified custodian who employs secure custodial technologies, including cold storage; and

(2) a qualified liquidity provider to facilitate the purchase and management of assets in the reserve.

(b) For purposes of Subsection (a)(2), "qualified liquidity provider" means an entity that:

(1) is licensed or regulated under applicable federal or state law;

(2) maintains audited financial statements prepared by a regulated auditor;

(3) has at least five years of experience trading in the digital assets industry;

(4) maintains an office and has a registered principal in this state; and

(5) has certified in a method prescribed by the comptroller that the provider meets the requirements of Subdivisions (1)-(4).

(c) If the comptroller determines it is in the best interest of the reserve, the comptroller may use derivatives.

(d) The comptroller may contract with a certified public accountant to perform an independent audit of the reserve.

Sec. 403.706. TEMPORARY TRANSFER FOR CASH MANAGEMENT. (a) The comptroller may liquidate the reserve's assets and temporarily transfer money from the reserve to the state treasury if necessary for the purposes described by Section 403.092.

(b) The comptroller shall, as soon as practicable after the date of a transfer under Subsection (a), return the transferred money to the reserve along with the interest, if any, earned on the money while held in the state treasury.

Sec. 403.707. TEXAS STRATEGIC BITCOIN RESERVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (a) In this section, "committee" means the Texas Strategic Bitcoin Reserve advisory committee.

(b) The committee is composed of the following five members:

(1) the comptroller;

(2) one member of the comptroller's investment advisory board established under Section 404.028, appointed by the comptroller; and

(3) three members with expertise in cryptocurrency investments, appointed by the comptroller.

(c) The committee shall advise the comptroller regarding the administration and management of the reserve, including:

(1) recommendations for valuing assets in the reserve; and

(2) the establishment of prudent investment policies relating to the investment objectives of and asset allocation in the reserve.

(d) A member of the committee is not entitled to receive compensation for service on the committee or reimbursement for expenses incurred in the performance of official duties as a member of the committee.

(e) Members of the committee appointed by the comptroller serve at the will of the comptroller.

(f) Chapter 2110 does not apply to the committee.

Sec. 403.708. BIENNIAL REPORT. Not later than December 31 of each even-numbered year, the comptroller shall publish on the comptroller's Internet website and submit to the legislature a report that includes:

(1) the amount of bitcoin and other cryptocurrency held in the reserve on the last day of the preceding state fiscal biennium;

(2) an estimate of the monetary value of the bitcoin and other cryptocurrency held in the reserve on the last day of the preceding state fiscal biennium;

(3) the changes, if any, in the amount and estimated monetary value of bitcoin and other cryptocurrency in the reserve during the period the cryptocurrency has been held in the reserve, disaggregated by cryptocurrency type; and

(4) a description of the actions taken by the comptroller to administer and manage the reserve during the preceding state fiscal biennium.

Sec. 403.709. RULES. The comptroller may adopt rules as necessary to administer this subchapter.

SECTION 3. Section 2256.004(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) This subchapter does not apply to:

(1) a public retirement system as defined by Section 802.001;

(2) state funds invested by the comptroller [~~as authorized by Section 404.024~~];

(3) an institution of higher education having total endowments of at least $150 million in book value on September 1, 2017;

(4) funds invested by the Veterans' Land Board as authorized by Chapter 161, 162, or 164, Natural Resources Code;

(5) registry funds deposited with the county or district clerk under Chapter 117, Local Government Code; or

(6) a deferred compensation plan that qualifies under either Section 401(k) or 457 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. Section 1 et seq.), as amended.

SECTION 4. As soon as possible after the effective date of this Act, the comptroller of public accounts shall:

(1) adopt rules as necessary to implement this Act; and

(2) appoint members to the Texas Strategic Bitcoin Reserve advisory committee as required by Section 403.707, Government Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

The Conference Committee Report on **SB 21** was filed with the Secretary of the Senate.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON
SENATE BILL 2778

Senator A. Hinojosa submitted the following Conference Committee Report:

Austin, Texas
May 27, 2025

Honorable Dan Patrick
President of the Senate

Honorable Dustin Burrows
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Sirs:

We, Your Conference Committee, appointed to adjust the differences between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **SB 2778** have had the same under consideration, and beg to report it back with the recommendation that it do pass in the form and text hereto attached.

A. HINOJOSA	LUJAN
BETTENCOURT	BHOJANI
BLANCO	GERDES
MIDDLETON	SPILLER
NICHOLS	
On the part of the Senate	On the part of the House

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

relating to the amount of an expenditure that may be paid by an emergency services district employee without board approval.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 775.073(b), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The board by resolution may allow a district employee who has executed a bond in an amount equal to the amount required for the district treasurer to sign an instrument to disburse district funds. An expenditure of more than $50,000 [~~$2,000~~] may not be paid unless the expenditure is presented to the board and the board approves the expenditure.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a purchase made on or after the effective date of this Act. A purchase made before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law as it existed immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

The Conference Committee Report on **SB 2778** was filed with the Secretary of the Senate.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON
SENATE BILL 260

Senator Huffman submitted the following Conference Committee Report:

Austin, Texas
May 26, 2025

Honorable Dan Patrick
President of the Senate

Honorable Dustin Burrows
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Sirs:

We, Your Conference Committee, appointed to adjust the differences between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **SB 260** have had the same under consideration, and beg to report it back with the recommendation that it do pass in the form and text hereto attached.

HUFFMAN	BONNEN
CAMPBELL	BERNAL
CREIGHTON	BUCKLEY
J. HINOJOSA	DUTTON
NICHOLS	HARRIS
On the part of the Senate	On the part of the House

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

relating to the school safety allotment under the Foundation School Program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 48.115(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (a-1), a school district is entitled to an annual allotment equal to the sum of the following amounts or a greater amount provided by appropriation:

(1) $20 [~~$10~~] for each student in average daily attendance, plus $1 for each student in average daily attendance per every $50 by which the district's maximum basic allotment under Section 48.051 exceeds $6,160, prorated as necessary; and

(2) $33,540 [~~$15,000~~] per campus.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

The Conference Committee Report on **SB 260** was filed with the Secretary of the Senate.

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 801

On motion of Senator Menéndez, Senators Miles and West will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 801**.

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 2717

On motion of Senator Menéndez, Senators Alvarado, Miles, and West will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 2717**.

CO-SPONSORS OF HOUSE BILL 4

On motion of Senator Bettencourt, Senators King, Kolkhorst, Parker, and Sparks will be shown as Co-sponsors of **HB 4**.

CO-SPONSORS OF HOUSE BILL 14

On motion of Senator Schwertner, Senators Hagenbuch, A. Hinojosa, and Parker will be shown as Co-sponsors of **HB 14**.

CO-SPONSORS OF HOUSE BILL 27

On motion of Senator Flores, Senators Alvarado, Cook, Creighton, Eckhardt, Hagenbuch, J. Hinojosa, Miles, Parker, and Zaffirini will be shown as Co-sponsors of **HB 27**.

CO-SPONSOR OF HOUSE BILL 42

On motion of Senator Huffman, Senator Blanco will be shown as Co-sponsor of **HB 42**.

CO-SPONSORS OF HOUSE BILL 46

On motion of Senator Perry, Senators Alvarado, Bettencourt, Blanco, Campbell, Flores, Gutierrez, Hall, A. Hinojosa, J. Hinojosa, Johnson, Kolkhorst, Menéndez, Miles, Sparks, and West will be shown as Co-sponsors of **HB 46**.

CO-SPONSOR OF HOUSE BILL 126

On motion of Senator Creighton, Senator Menéndez will be shown as Co-sponsor of **HB 126**.

CO-SPONSOR OF HOUSE BILL 146

On motion of Senator Schwertner, Senator Campbell will be shown as Co-sponsor of **HB 146**.

CO-SPONSOR OF HOUSE BILL 186

On motion of Senator A. Hinojosa, Senator King will be shown as Co-sponsor of **HB 186**.

CO-SPONSOR OF HOUSE BILL 223

On motion of Senator Middleton, Senator Campbell will be shown as Co-sponsor of **HB 223**.

CO-SPONSORS OF HOUSE BILL 229

On motion of Senator Middleton, Senators Campbell and Hancock will be shown as Co-sponsors of **HB 229**.

CO-SPONSOR OF HOUSE BILL 322

On motion of Senator Zaffirini, Senator Johnson will be shown as Co-sponsor of **HB 322**.

CO-SPONSORS OF HOUSE BILL 367

On motion of Senator Menéndez, Senators Johnson and Miles will be shown as Co-sponsors of **HB 367**.

CO-SPONSORS OF HOUSE BILL 500

On motion of Senator Huffman, Senators Blanco and J. Hinojosa will be shown as Co-sponsors of **HB 500**.

CO-SPONSOR OF HOUSE BILL 549

On motion of Senator Johnson, Senator Campbell will be shown as Co-sponsor of **HB 549**.

CO-SPONSOR OF HOUSE BILL 713

On motion of Senator Cook, Senator Campbell will be shown as Co-sponsor of **HB 713**.

CO-SPONSOR OF HOUSE BILL 783

On motion of Senator J. Hinojosa, Senator Johnson will be shown as Co-sponsor of **HB 783**.

CO-SPONSOR OF HOUSE BILL 1056

On motion of Senator Hughes, Senator A. Hinojosa will be shown as Co-sponsor of **HB 1056**.

CO-SPONSORS OF HOUSE BILL 1105

On motion of Senator Eckhardt, Senators Cook, J. Hinojosa, and Miles will be shown as Co-sponsors of **HB 1105**.

CO-SPONSOR OF HOUSE BILL 1106

On motion of Senator Hall, Senator Sparks will be shown as Co-sponsor of **HB 1106**.

CO-SPONSORS OF HOUSE BILL 1211

On motion of Senator Menéndez, Senators Campbell, Cook, Eckhardt, and Miles will be shown as Co-sponsors of **HB 1211**.

CO-SPONSOR OF HOUSE BILL 1690

On motion of Senator Kolkhorst, Senator Schwertner will be shown as Co-sponsor of **HB 1690**.

CO-SPONSORS OF HOUSE BILL 1871

On motion of Senator Schwertner, Senators Campbell, Hagenbuch, A. Hinojosa, Kolkhorst, and Perry will be shown as Co-sponsors of **HB 1871**.

CO-SPONSORS OF HOUSE BILL 1939

On motion of Senator Parker, Senators Campbell, Hagenbuch, and A. Hinojosa will be shown as Co-sponsors of **HB 1939**.

CO-SPONSOR OF HOUSE BILL 2073

On motion of Senator Huffman, Senator King will be shown as Co-sponsor of **HB 2073**.

CO-SPONSORS OF HOUSE BILL 2128

On motion of Senator Hagenbuch, Senators Blanco and A. Hinojosa will be shown as Co-sponsors of **HB 2128**.

CO-SPONSOR OF HOUSE BILL 2407

On motion of Senator Hagenbuch, Senator Menéndez will be shown as Co-sponsor of **HB 2407**.

CO-SPONSORS OF HOUSE BILL 3000

On motion of Senator Perry, Senators Flores, A. Hinojosa, J. Hinojosa, and Sparks will be shown as Co-sponsors of **HB 3000**.

CO-SPONSOR OF HOUSE BILL 3057

On motion of Senator Sparks, Senator A. Hinojosa will be shown as Co-sponsor of **HB 3057**.

CO-SPONSOR OF HOUSE BILL 3153

On motion of Senator Kolkhorst, Senator West will be shown as Co-sponsor of **HB 3153**.

CO-SPONSORS OF HOUSE BILL 3225

On motion of Senator Hughes, Senators Hall, Middleton, and Sparks will be shown as Co-sponsors of **HB 3225**.

CO-SPONSORS OF HOUSE BILL 3372

On motion of Senator Middleton, Senators Bettencourt, Cook, Creighton, Kolkhorst, Menéndez, and Miles will be shown as Co-sponsors of **HB 3372**.

CO-SPONSORS OF HOUSE BILL 3441

On motion of Senator Hall, Senators Hagenbuch, A. Hinojosa, and Sparks will be shown as Co-sponsors of **HB 3441**.

CO-SPONSORS OF HOUSE BILL 3812

On motion of Senator Hancock, Senators Johnson and Schwertner will be shown as Co-sponsors of **HB 3812**.

CO-SPONSOR OF HOUSE BILL 3824

On motion of Senator Schwertner, Senator Hall will be shown as Co-sponsor of **HB 3824**.

CO-SPONSORS OF HOUSE BILL 3923

On motion of Senator Parker, Senators Cook, J. Hinojosa, Kolkhorst, and Miles will be shown as Co-sponsors of **HB 3923**.

CO-SPONSORS OF HOUSE BILL 3963

On motion of Senator Paxton, Senators J. Hinojosa and Miles will be shown as Co-sponsors of **HB 3963**.

CO-SPONSOR OF HOUSE BILL 4070

On motion of Senator Campbell, Senator Kolkhorst will be shown as Co-sponsor of **HB 4070**.

CO-SPONSOR OF HOUSE BILL 4157

On motion of Senator A. Hinojosa, Senator Hagenbuch will be shown as Co-sponsor of **HB 4157**.

CO-SPONSOR OF HOUSE BILL 4211

On motion of Senator Hughes, Senator Kolkhorst will be shown as Co-sponsor of **HB 4211**.

CO-SPONSORS OF HOUSE BILL 4623

On motion of Senator Paxton, Senators Alvarado, Bettencourt, Creighton, Hancock, J. Hinojosa, Huffman, Hughes, Kolkhorst, Menéndez, Perry, and Zaffirini will be shown as Co-sponsors of **HB 4623**.

CO-SPONSOR OF HOUSE BILL 5138

On motion of Senator Hughes, Senator Hagenbuch will be shown as Co-sponsor of **HB 5138**.

CO-SPONSOR OF HOUSE BILL 5606

On motion of Senator Creighton, Senator Campbell will be shown as Co-sponsor of **HB 5606**.

CO-SPONSORS OF HOUSE BILL 5616

On motion of Senator Johnson, Senators Campbell, Eckhardt, and Schwertner will be shown as Co-sponsors of **HB 5616**.

CO-SPONSOR OF HOUSE BILL 5629

On motion of Senator Sparks, Senator Blanco will be shown as Co-sponsor of **HB 5629**.

CO-SPONSORS OF HOUSE BILL 5646

On motion of Senator Hall, Senators Blanco and Campbell will be shown as Co-sponsors of **HB 5646**.

CO-SPONSORS OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 40

On motion of Senator Creighton, Senators Campbell and King will be shown as Co-sponsors of **HCR 40**.

CO-SPONSORS OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 7

On motion of Senator Perry, Senators Birdwell, Blanco, Flores, Gutierrez, Hancock, A. Hinojosa, J. Hinojosa, Huffman, Kolkhorst, Menéndez, Sparks, and Zaffirini will be shown as Co-sponsors of **HJR 7**.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Senator Zaffirini, the Senate at 12:52 a.m. Wednesday, May 28, 2025, adjourned, in memory of Ronnie Dugger, until 12:54 a.m. today.

APPENDIX

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

May 27, 2025

EDUCATION K-16 — **CSHB 127**

ADMINISTRATION — **HCR 81**, **HCR 46**, **HB 5690**, **HB 5689**, **HB 5655**, **HCR 111**, **HCR 83**

STATE AFFAIRS — **CSHB 3385**

ADMINISTRATION — **CSHCR 84**

EDUCATION K-16 — **HB 2757**, **HB 4359**, **HB 5381**, **HB 20**, **HB 123**, **HB 549**, **HB 5606**

CRIMINAL JUSTICE — **HB 2217**, **HB 2594**

STATE AFFAIRS — **CSHB 796**

BUSINESS AND COMMERCE — **CSHB 150**

FINANCE — **HB 1057**

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ENROLLED

May 27, 2025

SB 127, **SB 401**, **SB 546**, **SB 1021**, **SB 1032**, **SB 1242**, **SB 1343**, **SB 1346**, **SB 1534**, **SB 1663**, **SB 2037**, **SB 2055**, **SB 2075**, **SB 2835**, **SCR 52**, **SR 581**, **SR 582**, **SR 583**, **SR 585**, **SR 586**

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May 27, 2025

SJR 84

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May 27, 2025

SB 3, **SB 11**, **SB 24**, **SB 31**, **SB 53**, **SB 217**, **SB 226**, **SB 243**, **SB 263**, **SB 264**, **SB 370**, **SB 387**, **SB 502**, **SB 535**, **SB 663**, **SB 815**, **SB 827**, **SB 860**, **SB 868**, **SB 890**, **SB 916**, **SB 965**, **SB 995**, **SB 1019**, **SB 1036**, **SB 1141**, **SB 1171**, **SB 1212**, **SB 1254**, **SB 1259**, **SB 1278**, **SB 1330**, **SB 1352**, **SB 1353**, **SB 1372**, **SB 1376**, **SB 1379**, **SB 1401**, **SB 1404**, **SB 1451**, **SB 1453**, **SB 1470**, **SB 1498**, **SB 1547**, **SB 1589**, **SB 1598**, **SB 1664**, **SB 1667**, **SB 1677**, **SB 1737**, **SB 1818**, **SB 1839**, **SB 1856**, **SB 1902**, **SB 1936**, **SB 1937**, **SB 1939**, **SB 1940**, **SB 1948**, **SB 2064**, **SB 2069**, **SB 2111**, **SB 2127**, **SB 2129**, **SB 2137**, **SB 2139**, **SB 2148**, **SB 2165**, **SB 2166**, **SB 2216**, **SB 2237**, **SB 2443**, **SB 2514**, **SB 2543**, **SB 2569**, **SB 2580**, **SB 2581**, **SB 2798**, **SB 2801**, **SB 3031**, **SB 3034**, **SCR 5**, **SCR 8**, **SCR 21**, **SCR 32**, **SCR 49**

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SB 72, **SB 314**, **SB 617**, **SB 761**, **SB 1012**, **SB 1023**, **SB 1143**, **SB 1236**, **SB 1245**, **SB 1267**, **SB 1271**, **SB 1273**, **SB 1355**, **SB 1422**, **SB 1759**, **SB 1786**, **SB 1886**, **SB 2004**, **SB 2122**, **SB 2269**, **SB 2306**, **SB 2361**, **SB 2371**, **SB 2411**, **SB 2420**, **SB 2929**

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May 27, 2025

SB 250, **SB 455**, **SB 1080**