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## PROCEEDINGS

SECOND DAY — WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1992

The house met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the speaker.

The roll of the house was called and a quorum was announced present (Record 2).

Present — Mr. Speaker; Alexander; Arnold; Bailey; Barton; Berlanga; Black; Blackwood; Blair; Bomer; Bosse; Brimer; Cain; Carona; Carter; Cavazos; Chisum; Clemons; Colbert; Coleman; Collazo; Conley; Cook; Counts; Craddick; Crawford; Cuellar, H.; Cuellar, R.; Culberson; Danburg; De La Garza; Delco; Denton; Dutton; Edwards; Erickson; Finnell; Fleuriet; Fraser; Gallego; Gallegos; Glaze; Glossbrenner; Goodman; Goolsby; Granoff; Gray; Greenberg; Grusendorf; Gutierrez; Haggerty; Hamric; Harris; Hartnett; Heflin; Hernandez; Hightower; Hilderbran; Hill, A.; Hill, F.; Hirschi; Horn; Hudson; Hunter, B.; Jackson; Johnson; Jones; Kamel; Kubiak; Kuempel; Laney; Larry; Lewis, R.; Linebarger; Luna; Madla; Marchant; Martinez; Maxey; McCall; McCollough; Mowery; Naishtat; Oakley; Ogdén; Oliveira; Ovard; Park; Patterson; Perez; Pierce; Place; Price; Puente; Rabuck; Ramsay; Rangel; Repp; Robnett; Rodriguez; Rudd; Sadler; Saunders; Schechter; Schoolcraft; Seidlits; Smith, A.; Smith, D.; Soileau; Stiles; Swinford; Tallas; Taylor; Telford; Thomas; Thompson, G.; Thompson, S.; Turner, B.; Turner, S.; Uher; Van de Putte; Von Dohlen; Vowell; Wallace; Williamson; Willis; Willy; Wolens; Yarbrough; Yost.

Absent, Excused — Brady; Campbell; Cate; Delisi; Earley; Holzheuser; Hunter, T.; Junell; Martin; McDonald; Pennington; Shea; Shelley; Smithee; Watkins; Wentworth; Wilson.

Absent — Eckels; Hilbert; Moreno.

The invocation was offered by Monsignor Richard McCabe, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Austin, Austin, Texas, as follows:

Father, a handful of courageous citizens in a moment of danger pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their honor to proclaim a nation whose citizens' rights were based not upon the nod of a king or ruler but upon creation at your hands.

Grant on this celebration of Veterans Day a ministry of service to all, not the few. Pour out your spirit upon our people, so that they can become active in the affairs of government; that they may not confuse dissent for disloyalty; that they may use their mighty power for the healing of differences with justice and mercy and love. Amen.

### LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED

The following members were granted leaves of absence for today because of important business:

Smithee on motion of Yost.

Watkins on motion of Goolsby.

Wentworth on motion of Crawford.

Earley on motion of Marchant.

T. Hunter on motion of Alexander.

Pennington on motion of A. Smith.

Junell on motion of Seidlits.

Shelley on motion of Jackson.

The following members were granted leaves of absence for today because of important business in the district:

Martin on motion of Gallego.

Wilson on motion of Gallego.

Cate on motion of Puente.

Campbell on motion of Hamric.

Brady on motion of Hirschi.

The following members were granted leaves of absence for today because of illness in the family:

Holzheuser on motion of Goolsby.

Delisi on motion of Black.

#### **VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE**

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Color Guard presented the colors. The speaker led the house in the Pledge of Allegiance and addressed the house as follows:

Less than two years ago our nation stood to fight against the forces of aggression in the Middle East. Some of those who fought for freedom halfway around the world did not return, having given their lives for our country. It is these brave Americans and their families who remind us of all the men and women who have served our nation so ably and with such honor. Let us honor those veterans of today and those from the past whose bravery and dedication to freedom serve as the cornerstone of our democracy.

#### **HR 35 - ADOPTED**

Representative Willis moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time, **HR 35**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The speaker laid before the house the following resolution:

By Speaker Lewis, Willis, et al.:

**HR 35**, Honoring the members of the House of Representatives who have served in the military forces of the United States.

The resolution was read and was adopted without objection.

On motion of Speaker Pro Tempore Delco, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 35** as signers thereof.

**REMARKS BY REPRESENTATIVE DOYLE WILLIS  
FOR CAPITOL VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE**

Representative Willis addressed the house, speaking as follows:

Mr. Speaker, Members of the House, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Today we celebrate Veterans Day in honor of the Americans who gave of themselves in service to their country. November 11 was first proclaimed a holiday in 1919. Originally known as Armistice Day, this day was celebrated to commemorate the signing of the armistice that brought an end to World War I.

On June 1, 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower, himself a veteran, signed an act of Congress "to honor veterans on the 11th day of November of each year . . . a day dedicated to world peace."

On this day, we grateful Americans pay homage to these brave men and women who made sacrifices in time of war and peace so that you and I might convene here today in the house and senate of the Texas Legislature, and that other citizens might pursue the freedoms which only we in the United States enjoy.

As we go about our daily lives, let us each remember that during World War I there were 5,500 proud Texans who fought to make the world safe for democracy; in World War II, 541,700 brave Texans joined the fight to defeat the Axis powers; during the Korean Conflict, 311,700 heroic Texans were there to fight for freedom; the Vietnam War saw 621,100 valiant Texans fight to curb the spread of communism; and finally, several thousand dedicated Texans fought to end Hussein's reign in Kuwait. Let's not forget that there are also 400,000 peacetime veterans as well. Altogether, 1,747,100 Texas veterans have given of themselves to preserve the freedoms which we enjoy today.

Citizens in each of our 50 states today honor those veterans, living and dead, by holding parades, special celebrations, and placing wreaths and flags on the various war memorials.

On this day, we honor the men and women who returned from war to run the schools and the police departments, the banks and the hamburger stands, and we salute those who live under bridges and in homeless shelters.

We may never know what dreams they gave up when they went to serve in the Pacific and across the Sahara, on the beaches of France, in the swamps and jungles of Vietnam, and in the Persian Gulf and Panama.

To all of them, we offer our thanks, and we hope that they can dust off their dreams and find time to make them real.

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, I know that each of you joins me on this 11th day of November, in the year 1992, in giving thanks and paying tribute to those who have served our country so valiantly and courageously.

**HR 14 - ADOPTED**

Representative Black moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time, **HR 14**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The speaker laid before the house the following resolution:

By Delisi and Black:

**HR 14**, Commending Roy J. Smith for his many years of dedicated public service.

The resolution was read and was adopted without objection.

On motion of Representative B. Turner, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 14** as signers thereof.

#### **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

The speaker recognized Representative Black, who introduced Roy J. Smith and his family.

#### **REMARKS ORDERED PRINTED**

Representative Cain moved that remarks by Representative Willis be printed in the journal.

The motion prevailed without objection.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Representative B. Turner moved that the house adjourn until 10 a.m. tomorrow, in memory of all veterans of Texas who gave their lives in foreign wars.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The house accordingly, at 2:37 p.m., adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.