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PROCEEDINGS

ELEVENTH DAY — MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2007

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 40).

Present — Mr. Speaker; Allen; Alonzo; Anchia; Anderson; Aycock; Bailey; Berman; Bohac; Bolton; Branch; Brown, B.; Brown, F.; Burnam; Callegari; Castro; Chavez; Chisum; Christian; Cohen; Coleman; Cook, B.; Cook, R.; Corte; Crabb; Creighton; Crownover; Darby; Davis, J.; Davis, Y.; Delisi; Deshotel; Driver; Dukes; Dunnam; Dutton; Eiland; Eissler; Elkins; England; Escobar; Farabee; Farias; Farrar; Flores; Flynn; Frost; Gallego; Garcia; Gattis; Geren; Giddings; Gonzales; Gonzalez Toureilles; Goolsby; Guillen; Haggerty; Hamilton; Hancock; Hardcastle; Harless; Harper-Brown; Hartnett; Heflin; Hernandez; Herrero; Hilderbran; Hill; Hochberg; Hodge; Homer; Howard, C.; Howard, D.; Hughes; Isett; Jackson; Jones; Keffer; King, P.; King, S.; King, T.; Kolkhorst; Krusee; Kuempel; Latham; Laubenberg; Leibowitz; Lucio; Macias; Mallory Caraway; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McCall; McClendon; McReynolds; Menendez; Merritt; Miles; Miller; Moreno; Morrison; Mowery; Murphy; Naishtat; Noriega; O'Day; Olivo; Orr; Ortiz; Otto; Parker; Patrick; Paxton; Peña; Phillips; Pierson; Pitts; Puente; Quintanilla; Raymond; Riddle; Ritter; Rodriguez; Smith, T.; Smith, W.; Smithee; Strama; Straus; Swinford; Talton; Taylor; Thompson; Turner; Van Arsdale; Vaught; Veasey; Villarreal; Vo; West; Woolley; Zedler; Zerwas.

Absent, Excused — Hopson; Oliveira; Rose; Solomons; Truitt.

Absent — Bonnen; Madden; Pickett.

The invocation was offered by Jim Mayfield, Texas Methodist Foundation, Austin, as follows:

God, bless each of the members of this house with such a deep awareness of their personal worth that they do not look to the office they hold to give their lives meaning. As they deal with the stress and pressures of public service, give each of them inner calm so they are able to respond to all that is before them out of the best that is within them. When the tensions are high, rescue them from the temptation to speak and act in ways that make matters worse rather than better. Give them compassion for those with the least power and the weakest voices in our state. Bless them with wisdom to know what is best in the long run for this state as a whole and give them the will and the courage to do it. This we ask you Lord, God, of all that was, is, and will be. Amen.

The speaker recognized Representative D. Howard who led the house in the pledges of allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED

The following member was granted leave of absence for today because of surgery:

Truitt on motion of Burnam.

The following member was granted leave of absence for today to attend a funeral:

Hopson on motion of R. Cook.

The following member was granted leave of absence for today because of a death in the family:

Rose on motion of R. Cook.

The following member was granted leave of absence for today because of important business in the district:

Solomons on motion of R. Cook.

The following member was granted leave of absence for today and the remainder of the week because of recovering from surgery:

Oliveira on motion of Dunnam.

CAPITOL PHYSICIAN

The speaker recognized Representative Kuempel who presented Dr. Michael Dominguez of San Antonio as the "Doctor for the Day."

The house welcomed Dr. Dominguez and thanked him for his participation in the Physician of the Day Program sponsored by the Texas Academy of Family Physicians.

(Heflin in the chair)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

The following member was granted leave of absence for the remainder of today and tomorrow because of important business in the district:

Christian on motion of Berman.

(Speaker in the chair)

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER

Notice was given at this time that the speaker had signed bills and resolutions in the presence of the house (see the addendum to the daily journal, Signed by the Speaker, House List No. 1).

(Madden now present)

SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE APPOINTED

The speaker announced the appointment of Representative Turner as speaker pro tempore.

STANDING COMMITTEES APPOINTED

Speaker Craddick appointed the following standing committees of the house:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK

Miller, chair; Anderson, vice-chair; B. Brown, CBO.

Seniority appointments: Anderson and B. Brown.

Speaker appointments: Aycock, Gallego, Garcia, and Heflin.

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Chisum, chair; Guillen, vice-chair.

Speaker appointments: Allen, Branch, B. Brown, F. Brown, Chavez, Crownover, Darby, J. Davis, Dukes, England, Gattis, Harper-Brown, Hopson, Isett, Jackson, Kolkhorst, Lucio, McClendon, McReynolds, Menendez, Noriega, Otto, Riddle, Taylor, Turner, Van Arsdale, and Zerwas.

COMMITTEE ON BORDER AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

T. King, chair; Frost, vice-chair.

Seniority appointments: Merritt.

Speaker appointments: Castro, Hardcastle, Hernandez, and Pickett.

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

Giddings, chair; Elkins, vice-chair; Darby, CBO.

Seniority appointments: Bailey, Elkins, and Solomons.

Speaker appointments: Bohac, Castro, Martinez, and Zedler.

COMMITTEE ON CALENDARS

Woolley, chair; Chavez, vice-chair.

Speaker appointments: Branch, Crownover, Dukes, Elkins, Guillen, Hamilton, Taylor, Turner, and Van Arsdale.

COMMITTEE ON CIVIL PRACTICES

B. Cook, chair; Strama, vice-chair.

Seniority appointments: Martinez Fischer, Raymond, and Talton.

Speaker appointments: P. King, Madden, Miller, and Woolley.

COMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS

Madden, chair; Hochberg, vice-chair; McReynolds, CBO.

Seniority appointments: Madden and McReynolds.

Speaker appointments: Dunnam, Haggerty, Jones, and Oliveira.

COMMITTEE ON COUNTY AFFAIRS

W. Smith, chair; Naishtat, vice-chair.

Seniority appointments: Heflin, Leibowitz, and T. Smith.

Speaker appointments: Bolton, Coleman, Farabee, and Harless.

COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JURISPRUDENCE

Peña, chair; Vaught, vice-chair; Riddle, CBO.

Seniority appointments: Hodge, Peña, and Riddle.

Speaker appointments: Escobar, Mallory Caraway, Moreno, Pierson, and Talton.

COMMITTEE ON CULTURE, RECREATION, AND TOURISM

Hilderbran, chair; Kuempel, vice-chair; Dukes, CBO.

Seniority appointments: Dukes and Homer.

Speaker appointments: D. Howard, O'Day, and Phillips.

**COMMITTEE ON DEFENSE AFFAIRS
AND STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS**

Corte, chair; Escobar, vice-chair; Noriega, CBO.

Seniority appointments: Garcia and Noriega.

Speaker appointments: Herrero, Hodge, Merritt, Moreno, and Raymond.

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Deshotel, chair; Straus, vice-chair; Kolkhorst, CBO.

Seniority appointments: Deshotel and Dunnam.

Speaker appointments: Morrison, Ortiz, and Veasey.

COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS

Berman, chair; Bohac, vice-chair; England, CBO.

Seniority appointments: Bohac and Burnam.

Speaker appointments: Anchia, Farias, and C. Howard.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY RESOURCES

Hardcastle, chair; Farabee, vice-chair; Crownover, CBO.

Seniority appointments: Corte and Crabb.

Speaker appointments: Chisum and Gonzalez Toureilles.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION

Bonnen, chair; Hancock, vice-chair; Lucio, CBO.

Seniority appointments: Kuempel and West.

Speaker appointments: Driver and T. King.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Solomons, chair; Flynn, vice-chair; Chavez, CBO.

Seniority appointments: Flynn and Orr.

Speaker appointments: Anchia, Anderson, and McCall.

COMMITTEE ON GENERAL INVESTIGATING AND ETHICS

Phillips, chair; Creighton, vice-chair.

Speaker appointments: Bailey, Dutton, and Paxton.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REFORM

Callegari, chair; Pitts, vice-chair.

Speaker appointments: Berman, Leibowitz, Miles, Rodriguez, and W. Smith.

COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Morrison, chair; McCall, vice-chair; F. Brown, CBO.

Seniority appointments: Alonzo, Giddings, and McCall.

Speaker appointments: Aycock, D. Howard, Patrick, and Rose.

COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION

Goolsby, chair; Giddings, vice-chair.

Speaker appointments: Anderson, Darby, Escobar, Harper-Brown, D. Howard, Riddle, Vo, Zedler, and Zerwas.

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Rose, chair; S. King, vice-chair; J. Davis, CBO.

Seniority appointments: J. Davis, Herrero, and Naishtat.

Speaker appointments: Eissler, Hughes, Parker, and Pierson.

COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE

Smithee, chair; T. Smith, vice-chair; Taylor, CBO.

Seniority appointments: Eiland, Hancock, and Taylor.

Speaker appointments: Martinez, Thompson, Vo, and Woolley.

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Hartnett, chair; Homer, vice-chair; Hopson, CBO.

Seniority appointments: Gonzales, Hartnett, and Hughes.

Speaker appointments: Alonzo, R. Cook, Goolsby, and Krusee.

COMMITTEE ON JUVENILE JUSTICE AND FAMILY ISSUES

Dutton, chair; Eiland, vice-chair.

Seniority appointments: Gonzalez Toureilles, Hernandez, and Strama.

Speaker appointments: Bolton, Farias, Farrar, and Vaught.

COMMITTEE ON LAND AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Mowery, chair; Orr, vice-chair; Zerwas, CBO.

Seniority appointments: Callegari, R. Cook, and Pickett.

Speaker appointments: Y. Davis, Geren, and Ritter.

COMMITTEE ON LAW ENFORCEMENT

Driver, chair; Latham, vice-chair; Allen, CBO.

Seniority appointments: Driver and Frost.

Speaker appointments: Ortiz, Vo, and West.

COMMITTEE ON LICENSING AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

Flores, chair; Geren, vice-chair; Isett, CBO.

Seniority appointments: Goolsby, Jones, and Thompson.

Speaker appointments: Hamilton, Miles, and Quintanilla.

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL AND CONSENT CALENDARS

C. Howard, chair; Bohac, vice-chair.

Speaker appointments: Allen, Anchia, B. Brown, F. Brown, Laubenberg, Lucio, Parker, Patrick, and Straus.

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT WAYS AND MEANS

Hill, chair; Creighton, vice-chair.

Seniority appointments: Quintanilla and Villarreal.

Speaker appointments: Elkins, C. Howard, and Puente.

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Puente, chair; Hamilton, vice-chair; Gattis, CBO.

Seniority appointments: Gallego, Hilderbran, and Puente.

Speaker appointments: Creighton, Guillen, Laubenberg, and O'Day.

COMMITTEE ON PENSIONS AND INVESTMENTS

Truitt, chair; Villarreal, vice-chair; McClendon, CBO.

Seniority appointments: McClendon and Rodriguez.

Speaker appointments: Burnam, Keffer, and Macias.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC EDUCATION

Eissler, chair; Zedler, vice-chair; Branch, CBO.

Seniority appointments: Dutton, Hochberg, and Mowery.

Speaker appointments: Delisi, Olivo, and Patrick.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH

Delisi, chair; Laubenberg, vice-chair; Jackson, CBO.

Seniority appointments: Coleman, Delisi, and Olivo.

Speaker appointments: Cohen, Gonzales, S. King, and Truitt.

COMMITTEE ON REDISTRICTING

Crabb, chair; B. Brown, vice-chair.

Speaker appointments: Aycock, Bohac, Corte, Deshotel, Flores, Frost, Hopson, Jackson, P. King, O'Day, Otto, Rodriguez, and T. Smith.

COMMITTEE ON REGULATED INDUSTRIES

P. King, chair; Christian, vice-chair; Turner, CBO.

Seniority appointments: Oliveira, Smithee, and Turner.

Speaker appointments: Crabb, Hartnett, Straus, and Swinford.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND RESOLUTIONS

McClendon, chair; Macias, vice-chair.

Speaker appointments: Bolton, Cohen, England, Hancock, Harless, Hernandez, S. King, Murphy, and Ortiz.

COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

Swinford, chair; Paxton, vice-chair; Van Arsdale, CBO.

Seniority appointments: Christian, Farrar, and Swinford.

Speaker appointments: B. Cook, Flynn, Parker, and Veasey.

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Krusee, chair; Phillips, vice-chair; Harper-Brown, CBO.

Seniority appointments: Haggerty, Hill, and Krusee.

Speaker appointments: Deshotel, Harless, Macias, and Murphy.

COMMITTEE ON URBAN AFFAIRS

Bailey, chair; Murphy, vice-chair; Menendez, CBO.

Seniority appointments: Mallory Caraway and Menendez.

Speaker appointments: Cohen, Latham, and Martinez Fischer.

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Keffer, chair; Ritter, vice-chair; Otto, CBO.

Seniority appointments: Y. Davis, Flores, and Pitts.

Speaker appointments: Bonnen, Paxton, and Peña.

STATEMENT BY SPEAKER CRADDICK REGARDING PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY BY REPRESENTATIVE TALTON

Last Wednesday, Representative Talton asked the following questions in the form of a parliamentary inquiry:

1. If a member doesn't want to serve on a committee because of personal, moral, or health reasons, what is the speaker's policy on that?
2. Is the speaker obligated to appoint a member to committee that was not his seniority pick but not on his preference card and without the member's consent?
3. Do the rules require the speaker to use a seniority pick for a chairman?

The chair has researched house and congressional precedent and answers the questions as follows:

1. If a member doesn't want to serve on a committee because of personal, moral, or health reasons, what is the speaker's policy on that?

Under Rule 1, Section 15, and Rule 4, Section 2, of the House Rules, the speaker is vested with the authority to appoint the membership of each committee of the house. The rules allow to submit preference cards listing their seniority and personal preferences for sitting on the committees. The chair must consider the seniority status of each member in organizing the committees. Neither of the provisions speak directly to the issue of what the speaker can or should do in the event that a member does not want to serve on a committee for "personal, moral, or health reasons," and the chair can find no relevant house or congressional precedent in which a member has vacated a committee position on personal, moral, or health grounds.

Members always have the discretion to determine the degree to which they wish to attend or participate in the committee's activities and proceedings, but failure to do so does not create a vacancy on the committee under the rules. (See Rule 4, Section 5, which addresses vacancies on committees and note that this provision has generally been interpreted to mean that a vacancy only occurs because of the death or resignation of a member.) Moreover, our rules offer no method for filling a seat on a committee that is empty because a member does not wish to serve, regardless of the reason.

2. Is the speaker obligated to appoint a member to a committee that was not his seniority pick but not on his preference card without the members's consent?

Rule 4, Section 2, of the House Rules sets out the rules by which standing membership "shall be determined." The rules provide for the appointment of members of certain committees on the basis of seniority selections. Under Rule 4, Section 2(a)(4), after these seniority selections, the rules state that "the remaining membership" shall be filled by appointment of the speaker, subject to other limitations in Chapter A of Rule 4. Among these limitations are the restrictions on the number of substantive committees each member may serve on. This limitation applies not only to the initial appointment of the committee but also the operation of the committee throughout the session and interim. In order to assure that the house operates efficiently and that each committee has the necessary number of members to do its work—in particular an odd number of members for each committee—the chair assigns each member to at least two substantive committees.

As with previous presiding officers, the chair must exercise a great deal of care and discretion in assigning members to committees, balancing the interest, experience, and needs of each member against the needs of the house as an institution. This is no easy task.

3. Do the rules require the speaker to use a seniority pick for a chairman?

Rule 4, Sections 2(a)(1)-(7) prescribe the rights of the members and duties of the chair in considering seniority for committee memberships. Nothing in these provisions requires or forbids the use of a seniority pick in designating a member to chair a committee. Indeed, it has been common practice for presiding officers to use this procedure in designating members who are selected for a committee based on seniority as chairs.

(Heflin in the chair)

HR 159 - ADOPTED
(by Laubenberg)

Representative Laubenberg moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 159**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 159, Recognizing January 29, 2007, as Rockwall County Day at the State Capitol.

HR 159 was read and was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The chair recognized Representative Laubenberg who introduced a delegation from Rockwall County.

(Creighton in the chair)

HR 113 - ADOPTED
(by Pitts)

Representative Pitts moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 113**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 113, Recognizing January 29, 2007, as Texas Association of Homes and Services for the Aging Day at the Capitol.

HR 113 was read and was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST

The chair recognized Representative Straus who introduced Margaret Fong, Hong Kong Commissioner for Economic and Trade Affairs.

HR 166 - ADOPTED
(by Cohen, Hochberg, and Miles)

Representative Cohen moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 166**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 166, Honoring Janis and David Goldstein on their receipt of the 2007 Max H. Nathan Award from the Houston Chapter of the American Jewish Committee.

(Aycock in the chair)

HR 166 was adopted.

HR 106 - ADOPTED
(by Gallego)

Representative Gallego moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 106**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 106, Congratulating Hortencia Ramos on her retirement as treasurer of Brewster County.

HR 106 was adopted.

On motion of Representative Ortiz, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 106** as signers thereof.

HR 104 - ADOPTED
(by Thompson)

Representative Thompson moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 104**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 104, Commemorating the 23rd anniversary of the Women's Legislative Days conference.

HR 104 was read and was adopted.

(Speaker in the chair)

COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The following committee meeting was announced:

Appropriations, 30 minutes after adjournment today, E1.030, for a formal meeting, to consider organization.

FIVE DAY POSTING RULE SUSPENDED

Representative Madden moved to suspend the five day posting rule to allow the Committee on Corrections to meet tomorrow at 2 p.m. in E1.036, senate finance room.

The motion prevailed.

COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The following committee meeting was announced:

Corrections, 2 p.m. tomorrow, E1.036, senate finance room, for a public hearing, to consider invited testimony.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

The following member was granted leave of absence for the remainder of today because of important business in the district:

Geren on motion of Kolkhorst.

PROVIDING FOR ADJOURNMENT

Representatives Dukes and R. Cook moved that, at the conclusion of the reading of bills and resolutions on first reading and referral to committees, the house adjourn until 10 a.m. tomorrow in memory of Ella Barton of Rockne.

The motion prevailed.

BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING AND REFERRAL TO COMMITTEES RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

Bills and joint resolutions were at this time laid before the house, read first time, and referred to committees. Resolutions were at this time laid before the house and referred to committees. (See the addendum to the daily journal, Referred to Committees, List Nos. 1 and 2.)

(Harper-Brown in the chair)

ADJOURNMENT

In accordance with a previous motion, the house, at 3:02 p.m., adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

ADDENDUM

REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

The following bills and joint resolutions were today laid before the house, read first time, and referred to committees, and the following resolutions were today laid before the house and referred to committees. If indicated, the chair today corrected the referral of the following measures:

List No. 1

HB 5 (By Berman), Relating to providing for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed by a school district on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect any reduction in the school district's tax rate and protecting a school district against any resulting loss in local revenue.

To Ways and Means.

HB 6 (By Hilderbran), Relating to the allocation and use of the sporting goods sales tax revenue to fund state and local parks.

To Culture, Recreation, and Tourism.

HB 8 (By Riddle), Relating to the prosecution, punishment, and supervision of certain sex offenders and to certain crimes involving sex offenders.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 10 (By Chavez), Relating to certain gaming activity conducted by an Indian tribe or tribal organization.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 16 (By Corte), Relating to certain municipal development programs involving areas having characteristics of blight or a slum.

To Land and Resource Management.

HB 17 (By Corte), Relating to the establishment of a pilot program to provide a ballot by electronic mail to military personnel serving overseas.

To Defense Affairs and State-Federal Relations.

HB 18 (By Corte), Relating to creation of a public education voucher pilot program for certain children.

To Public Education.

HB 19 (By Corte), Relating to a school choice program for certain students with disabilities.

To Public Education.

HB 20 (By Corte), Relating to the expulsion of students for assault of school employees.

To Public Education.

HB 21 (By Corte), Relating to informed consent to an abortion.

To State Affairs.

HB 22 (By Corte), Relating to the regulation of certain physician's offices where abortions are performed.

To State Affairs.

HB 23 (By Corte), Relating to disclosing information to persons obtaining emergency contraception.

To State Affairs.

HB 24 (By Corte), Relating to a fee on sales of alcoholic beverages in certain municipalities to fund fire and emergency services and related educational activities.

To Ways and Means.

HB 25 (By Corte), Relating to punishment for the sale of an alcoholic beverage to a minor.

To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

HB 26 (By Corte), Relating to liability for injury arising from a motor vehicle accident.

To Civil Practices.

HB 27 (By Berman), Relating to the filing of campaign finance reports with the Texas Ethics Commission.
To Elections.

HB 28 (By Berman), Relating to the eligibility of an individual born in this state whose parents are illegal aliens to receive state benefits.
To State Affairs.

HB 29 (By Berman), Relating to the imposition of a fee for money transmissions sent to certain destinations outside the United States.
To State Affairs.

HB 30 (By Berman), Relating to the consolidation of certain school districts into a county school district.
To Public Education.

HB 31 (By Berman), Relating to residential lease agreements.
To Business and Industry.

HB 32 (By Berman), Relating to the penalty for discarding lighted smoking materials from a motor vehicle.
To State Affairs.

HB 33 (By Berman), Relating to rates charged by a water and sewer utility.
To Natural Resources.

HB 34 (By Solomons), Relating to the prohibition of certain payments or other inducements regarding a workers' compensation claim; providing an administrative violation.
To Business and Industry.

HB 35 (By Solomons), Relating to a prohibition on linking the compensation of the chief appraiser of an appraisal district to an increase in the total value of property in the district.
To Local Government Ways and Means.

HB 36 (By Solomons), Relating to a periodic review of state and local taxes.
To Ways and Means.

HB 37 (By Solomons), Relating to the retail sale of temperature-adjusted gasoline and diesel fuel.
To Agriculture and Livestock.

HB 38 (By Solomons), Relating to the requirement that applicants for certain licenses be eligible for employment in the United States.
To State Affairs.

HB 39 (By Paxton), Relating to the determination of resident status of students by public institutions of higher education.
To Higher Education.

HB 40 (By Paxton), Relating to requiring certain applicants for and recipients of medical assistance to provide proof of citizenship or nationality and of identity.
To State Affairs.

HB 41 (By Paxton), Relating to the confidentiality of information in ad valorem tax appraisal records that identifies the home address of certain state and federal judges.

To Local Government Ways and Means.

HB 42 (By Paxton), Relating to the electronic database of major state contracts.

To Government Reform.

HB 43 (By Hodge), Relating to the provision of pay telephone service to inmates confined in facilities operated by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

To Corrections.

HB 44 (By Hodge), Relating to the restoration of good conduct time forfeited during a term of imprisonment.

To Corrections.

HB 45 (By Hodge), Relating to the use of tobacco products and cigarettes on property owned, used, or controlled by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

To Corrections.

HB 46 (By Hodge), Relating to the application of laws awarding credit to an inmate for time between release on and subsequent revocation of parole, mandatory supervision, or conditional pardon.

To Corrections.

HB 47 (By Hodge), Relating to the provision of educational services to certain inmates imprisoned in the institutional division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

To Corrections.

HB 48 (By Chavez), Relating to distributions from the employment and training investment holding fund.

To Economic Development.

HB 49 (By Chavez), Relating to the minimum wage.

To Economic Development.

HB 50 (By Chavez), Relating to the residency requirements for tuition and fee exemptions for certain military personnel and their children.

To Defense Affairs and State-Federal Relations.

HB 51 (By Chavez), Relating to the use of the proceeds of bonds and other public securities that are secured by the state highway fund.

To Transportation.

HB 52 (By Chavez), Relating to the personal needs allowance for certain Medicaid recipients who are residents of long-term care facilities.

To Appropriations.

HB 53 (By Chavez), Relating to the designation of the Cesar Chavez Border Highway.

To Border and International Affairs.

HB 54 (By Chavez), Relating to the advertising, promoting, and conducting of certain live musical performances; providing a civil penalty.

To Business and Industry.

HB 55 (By Isett), Relating to the power of a local authority to enforce compliance with a traffic-control signal on a highway under its jurisdiction by a photographic traffic signal enforcement system.

To Urban Affairs.

HB 56 (By Isett), Relating to the operation of crematory establishments by commercial embalming establishments.

To Public Health.

HB 57 (By Isett), Relating to an intensive reading and language intervention pilot program at certain public school campuses.

To Public Education.

HB 58 (By Isett), Relating to exempting certain sole proprietors from jury duty.

To Judiciary.

HB 59 (By Isett), Relating to the management, security, and protection of personal information and governmental records; providing a criminal penalty.

To Business and Industry.

HB 60 (By Isett), Relating to motor vehicle sales and use taxes.

To Ways and Means.

HB 62 (By Leibowitz), Relating to the proximity of the residences of certain sex offenders or sexually violent predators to schools; imposing a criminal penalty.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 63 (By Leibowitz), Relating to the proximity of a school bus stop to the residence of a sex offender.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 64 (By Leibowitz), Relating to reporting of the fair market value of certain gifts made to public officials.

To Elections.

HB 65 (By Leibowitz), Relating to the use of direct recording electronic voting machines.

To Elections.

HB 66 (By Leibowitz), Relating to power management software for state agencies.

To Government Reform.

HB 67 (By Leibowitz), Relating to energy-saving devices and options for vending machines in buildings owned or leased by the state; imposing an administrative fine.

To Government Reform.

HB 68 (By Leibowitz), Relating to the creation of an anti-bullying hotline.

To Appropriations.

HB 69 (By Leibowitz), Relating to the personal needs allowance for certain Medicaid recipients who are residents of long-term care facilities.

To Appropriations.

HB 70 (By Leibowitz), Relating to restrictions on the prices of certain consumer goods and services during an abnormal disruption of the market.

To Business and Industry.

HB 71 (By Leibowitz), Relating to motor vehicle airbags; providing a penalty.

To Transportation.

HB 72 (By Hill), Relating to reporting of gifts of cash or a cash equivalent to public officials.

To Elections.

HB 73 (By Flynn), Relating to the protection of customer telephone records; providing a penalty.

To Business and Industry.

HB 74 (By Naishtat), Relating to providing for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed by a school district on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect any reduction in the school district's tax rate and protecting a school district against any resulting loss in local revenue.

To Ways and Means.

HB 75 (By Naishtat), Relating to administrative and judicial review of certain decisions about public assistance benefits.

To Human Services.

HB 76 (By Naishtat), Relating to the collection and analysis of information relating to certain sexual offenses.

To Law Enforcement.

HB 77 (By Naishtat), Relating to the adoption of public school textbooks.

To Public Education.

HB 78 (By Branch), Relating to limitations on the automatic admission of undergraduate students to general academic teaching institutions.

To Higher Education.

HB 79 (By Branch), Relating to the punishment for the offense of burglary of a vehicle.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 80 (By Branch), Relating to the adjustment under the public school finance system for optional homestead exemptions granted by public school districts.

To Ways and Means.

HB 81 (By Branch), Relating to expanding the limited period for exemptions from the sales tax for clothing and footwear.

To Ways and Means.

HB 82 (By Branch), Relating to exemptions from the sales tax for certain computers during a limited period.

To Ways and Means.

HB 83 (By Branch), Relating to requiring a record vote by each house of the legislature on final passage of a bill and to public notice of the record vote.

To Government Reform.

HB 84 (By Branch), Relating to issuance and renewal of a driver's license of an elderly person.

To Law Enforcement.

HB 85 (By Branch), Relating to credit card marketing activities at postsecondary educational institutions; providing a civil penalty.

To Business and Industry.

HB 86 (By Branch), Relating to tuition rebates provided by general academic teaching institutions to students who participate in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

To Higher Education.

HB 87 (By Branch), Relating to acquisition of personal information in a business record through fraudulent means.

To Business and Industry.

HB 88 (By Branch), Relating to the evacuation and sheltering of service animals and household pets in a disaster.

To Defense Affairs and State-Federal Relations.

HB 89 (By Branch), Relating to an exemption for certain political committees from the imposition of civil penalties for violating requirements for reporting political contributions and expenditures.

To Elections.

HB 90 (By Branch), Relating to notary public service at a vehicle storage facility.

To Transportation.

HB 91 (By Branch), Relating to the retrieval of a vehicle from a vehicle storage facility.

To Business and Industry.

HB 92 (By Branch), Relating to the acquisition of certain automated external defibrillators.

To Public Health.

HB 93 (By Martinez), Relating to health insurance benefits provided to certain public school retirees and their dependents.

To Pensions and Investments.

HB 94 (By Martinez), Relating to employer contributions for certain employed retirees under the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

To Pensions and Investments.

HB 95 (By Martinez), Relating to interference with child custody in violation of a temporary child custody order; imposing a criminal penalty.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 96 (By Martinez), Relating to the transportation of certain mental health patients.

To Human Services.

HB 97 (By Martinez), Relating to the use of the net proceeds of bingo by a veterans organization.

To Defense Affairs and State-Federal Relations.

HB 98 (By Martinez), Relating to the transportation of alcoholic beverages between certain licensed or permitted premises.

To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

HB 99 (By Martinez), Relating to the establishment or use of certain cemeteries.

To Border and International Affairs.

HB 100 (By Martinez), Relating to the fee charged for the Texas Airport Directory.

To Transportation.

HB 101 (By Riddle), Relating to the procedures for registering to vote and accepting a voter at a polling place.

To Elections.

HB 103 (By Riddle), Relating to the use of force or deadly force in defense of a person.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 104 (By Riddle), Relating to information required to establish resident status in connection with tuition and fees charged by public institutions of higher education.

To Higher Education.

HB 105 (By Riddle), Relating to a central database containing information about violent offenders.

To Corrections.

HB 106 (By Riddle), Relating to disclosure by a violent offender who operates an online business; providing a criminal penalty.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 107 (By Goolsby), Relating to the adoption of a service plan change by a subregional board that governs a regional transportation authority consisting of one subregion.

To Transportation.

HB 108 (By Goolsby), Relating to requiring a record vote by each house of the legislature on bills, proposed constitutional amendments, and other measures and actions.

To State Affairs.

HB 109 (By Turner), Relating to eligibility for and the administration of the child health plan program.

To Human Services.

HB 110 (By Strama), Relating to limits on political contributions and expenditures in connection with certain legislative and executive offices; providing civil and criminal penalties.

To Elections.

HB 111 (By Villarreal), Relating to limits on political contributions and direct campaign expenditures by individuals, partnerships, partners, and limited liability companies; providing civil and criminal penalties.

To Elections.

HB 112 (By Strama), Relating to the reapportionment of state legislative, congressional, and judicial districts and the creation, function, and duties of the Texas Redistricting Commission.

To Redistricting.

HB 113 (By Strama), Relating to the absence of a student from public school for certain activities.

To Public Education.

HB 114 (By Farrar), Relating to residential property insurance premiums for certain property located in first tier coastal counties.

To Insurance.

HB 115 (By Farrar), Relating to insurance premiums for residential property insurance for property located in certain coastal counties.

To Insurance.

HB 116 (By F. Brown), Relating to limitations on the number of courses that students may drop under certain circumstances at public institutions of higher education.

To Higher Education.

HB 117 (By F. Brown), Relating to the authority of certain counties to regulate certain subdivision planning.

To Land and Resource Management.

HB 118 (By F. Brown), Relating to the securing of a child passenger in a motor vehicle.

To Transportation.

HJR 1 (By Berman), Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for public school purposes on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect any reduction in the rate of those taxes.

To Ways and Means.

HJR 18 (By Naishtat), Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for public school purposes on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect any reduction in the rate of those taxes.

To Ways and Means.

HJR 22 (By Strama), Proposing a constitutional amendment establishing the Texas Redistricting Commission to establish legislative and congressional districts and revising constitutional redistricting procedures.

To Redistricting.

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HB 61 (By Leibowitz), Relating to the limitation on increases in the appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem taxation.

To Local Government Ways and Means.

HB 102 (By Riddle), Relating to a local option election in a county to set a limit of less than 10 percent but not less than three percent on the maximum average annual increase in the appraised value of residence homesteads for ad valorem tax purposes.

To Local Government Ways and Means.

HJR 16 (By Leibowitz), Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to limit the maximum average annual increase in the appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem tax purposes to five percent or more.

To Local Government Ways and Means.

HJR 21 (By Riddle), Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a local option election in a county to set a limit of less than 10 percent but not less than three percent on the maximum average annual increase in the appraised value of residence homesteads for ad valorem tax purposes.

To Local Government Ways and Means.

SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER

The following bills and resolutions were today signed in the presence of the house by the speaker:

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