The house met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the speaker.

The roll of the house was called and a quorum was announced present (Record 28).

Present — Mr. Speaker; Agnich; Armbrister; Arnold; Barrientos; Barton, B.; Barton, E.; Berlanga; Blanton; Bomer; Buchanan; Burnett; Bush; Cain; Carrick; Cary; Cavazos; Ceverha; Clark; Clemons; Colbert; Collazo; Connelly; Coody; Craddock; Criss; Crockett; Danburg; DeLay; DeLeo; Denton; Eckels; Edwards; Eikenburg; Emmett; English; Evans, C.; Finnell; Fox; Gamez; Gandy; Garcia, T.; Gavin; Geistweidt; Gibson, B.; Gibson, J.; Gilley; Glossbrenner; Granoff; Green; Grisham; Hackney; Haley; Hall, B.; Hall, L.; Hall, T.; Hammond; Hanna; Harrison, B.; Harrison, D.; Hellin; Hernandez; Hightower; Hilbert; Hill, A.; Hill, G.; Hill, P.; Hinojosa; Hollowell; Horn; Hudson, D.; Hudson, S.; Hury; Jackson; Jones; Keller; Kemp; Khoury; Kubiak; Kuempel; Laney; Lee, D.; Lee, E. F.; Leonard; Luna; McKenna; McWilliams; Madla; Mankins; Martinez, R.; Martinez, W.; Messer; Millsap; Moreno, A.; Moreno, P.; Oliveira; Oliver; Parker; Patrick; Patronella; Patterson; Pennington; Peveto; Pierce; Polk; Polumbo; Presnal; Price; Ragsdale; Robinson; Rohnett; Rudd; Russell; Salinas; Saunders; Schlueter; Schoolcraft; Shaw; Shea; Short; Simpson; Smith, A.; Smith, C.; Smith, T.; Staniswalis; Stiles; Sutton; Tejeda; Thompson, G.; Thompson, S.; Toomey; Tow; Turner; Uher; Vowell; Waldrop; Wallace; Watson; Whaley; Wieting; Willis; Wilson; Wolens; Word; Wright.

Absent, Excused — Davis; Evans, L.; Garcia, M.; Rangel.

Absent — Valles.

The invocation was offered by Reverend Steve Wagner, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Carrollton, Texas.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED

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

M. Garcia on motion of W. Martinez.

Davis on motion of Kemp.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED

The speaker announced the appointment of the following committee pursuant to HCR 19 to escort Senator Lloyd Bentsen to the speaker's rostrum: Representatives G. Hill, chairman; W. Martinez, Edwards, Clemons, Robinson, Carrick, Hightower, Kemp, McWilliams, Hernandez, Wallace, Short, Saunders, Polumbo, and Patronella.
MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Austin, Texas, February 15, 1983

The Honorable Speaker of the House of Representatives
House Chamber

The Honorable
Mr. Speaker:

I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following:

SB 259 by Sharp, relating to the authority to fill a vacancy in the office of a joint district-county clerk.
SB 261 by Sharp, relating to the perfection of a security interest in a motor vehicle.
SB 262 by Sharp, relating to security interests and other liens in motorboats and outboard motors.
SB 284 by Santiesteban and Parker, relating to the issuance of identification cards to disabled persons for use in parked vehicles.
SB 315 by Traeger, relating to the continuation of the Texas Department of Community Affairs.
HCR 45 by Jay Gibson, authorizing the Texas DeMolay Association to use house and senate chambers.

Respectfully,
Betty King
Secretary of the Senate

ADDRESS BY THE HONORABLE LLOYD BENTSEN
(The House of Representatives and the Senate in Joint Session)

In accordance with the provisions of HCR 19, providing for a joint session of the senate and the house of representatives today, for the purpose of hearing an address by the Honorable Lloyd Bentsen, senator from the State of Texas, Lieutenant Governor William P. Hobby and the honorable senators were announced at the door of the house and were admitted.

The senators occupied seats arranged for them.

At 10:10 a.m. the Honorable Lloyd Bentsen, United States Senator from the State of Texas, and Governor Mark White escorted by Senators Blake, Brooks, Doggett, Farabee, Parker, and Truan, committee on the part of the senate; and Representatives G. Hill, chairman; W. Martinez, Edwards, Clemons, Robinson, Carriker, Hightower, Kemp, McWilliams, Hernandez, Wallace, Short, Saunders, Polumbo, and Patronella, committee on the part of the house, were announced at the door of the house and, being admitted, were escorted to the speaker's rostrum.

Lieutenant Governor Hobby called the senate to order.

A quorum of the senate was announced present.

The Honorable Gibson D. Lewis, speaker of the house, called the house of representatives to order.

Speaker Lewis directed all members present to register.
A quorum of the house was announced present.

Speaker Lewis stated that the two houses were in joint session for the purpose of hearing an address by the Honorable Lloyd Bentsen.

Speaker Lewis recognized Representative G. Hill who addressed the joint session briefly and introduced Senator Bentsen to the joint session.

Senator Bentsen addressed the joint session, speaking as follows:

Gentlemen of the Texas Legislature:

The diversity, energy, and enormous potential for achievement we all associate with our state are nowhere more apparent than in this chamber. Let me begin my remarks by thanking you for the opportunity to visit with leaders of the most distinguished and effective state government in America.

Things are still slow in the senate, but yesterday was a very busy time for me. As soon as word got out that I was leaving for Austin, the phone started ringing off the wall.

First it was the president, who said he had some good economic news to share with Texas. After discussing the economy for a while we reached a compromise and decided Reaganomics is about 50 percent successful; the program may be working, but the people sure are not.

Then Alan Cranston called and asked me to remind you that he is the candidate of peace; Gary Hart dropped by with a bushel of position papers (signed by George McGovern); Fritz Mondale presented me with an autographed copy of his San Francisco speech; and Reubin Askew called to say he was considering running and wanted to know if a southern governor could ever become president.

Finally, my friend John Glenn was on the line to remind me that there had been no stand-ins for him on his Mercury Mission flight as differing from "Bedtime for Bonzo." That whole trend of thinking got me to thinking about what I ought to be talking to you folks about this morning. You know what I really ought to talk about is the presidential primary bill. And then I said, "No, on second thought, I don't believe I'll do that."

My friends, you can see that there are many nationally known political figures anxious to be your Valentine. But I want you to know that I am honored and very proud to be your United States Senator. And I look forward to working with you to serve the people of our state.

Those of us here this morning will often differ on issues and outlook. We consider ourselves Republicans and Democrats—liberals and conservatives. We come in all shapes, colors, genders, and political persuasions. But despite those differences, we also share a common obligation and a unique distinction. We are Texans and we have been chosen to represent the interests and aspirations of a proud and independent people.

I'd like to use our time this morning to visit with you about events as I see them in Washington and their potential to affect us here in Texas. Then perhaps we can look for ways to work together more effectively to serve the people we represent and this great nation.

Today that nation is caught in the grip of some very difficult economic problems. We are looking at budget deficits on the order of $200 billion. We see 12 million Americans without work. We see deep recession and prolonged economic stagnation. We face the prospect of cut-backs in services and programs that could lead directly to new obligations and new taxation at the state and local level of government.
I believe, and I think the Texas Legislature would agree, that America must regain control of its economic destiny. And I believe we’ve got to start by reducing the budget deficit.

We have a president who has spent a political lifetime campaigning in the cause of reduced federal spending—a president who embraced the balanced budget amendment with a vengeance in 1982 and then presented us with a $200 billion deficit in 1983. That kind of gap between rhetoric and reality is no longer acceptable. It’s time for us all to start working together in a broad, bipartisan effort to bring spending in line with revenue. We’ve got to understand that $200 billion deficits can destroy our economic future.

We all know that these are difficult times for America. Our economic problems are complex and they are important. They will not be solved by rigid, unbending adherence to slogans and ideology. Ideology must take a back seat to economic reality.

Let me give you an example of what I mean. We agreed to cut taxes in America by 25 percent over a three-year period. At the time that decision was made there was widespread agreement in this country that taxes were too high.

But now, as we cut taxes during a bitter recession, we are staring at a budget deficit of staggering proportions—a deficit that brings us face to face with potential economic disaster. But the president refused to compromise on the principle of a three-year, 25 percent reduction. He proposes instead to increase taxes by five percent and slap a five-dollar levy on every barrel of oil in 1986. When Don Regan, Secretary of the Treasury, was on a national press show two weeks ago, they asked him why don’t you do it now. Why don’t you do it in 1984. And he said, “Because 1984 is an election year.” Need I say more?

I have suggested that it would make far more sense to compromise. I propose reducing the last phase of the tax cut from 10 percent to 5 percent, and moving the effective date forward to April 1 of this year. That way we would stimulate recovery from the recession with a prompt five percent tax cut while shaving the projected deficit by $20 billion over the next two years.

It doesn’t have to be my idea or your idea. We’re willing to listen to other answers. But none of them will matter unless we can count on an administration committed to reducing the deficit and willing to consider responsible policy alternatives.

Take an area like defense spending. My experience has always been that the State of Texas leads the nation in demanding and being prepared to sacrifice in the cause of a national defense that is truly second to none.

I know we’ve got to build up our ability to defend our freedoms. I have seen the Soviets outspend us on defense year after year. I don’t harbor any illusions about the nature of the world out there. But I also know that if there is one lesson we should have learned in America in recent years, it is that we can’t do everything at once. Spending on defense will have to be stretched out over a longer period of time.

Today there are fewer defense subcontractors in America than during the Vietnam War. We simply cannot spend the sort of money the president is requesting as fast as he wants us to without risking massive cost overruns and the waste of scarce tax dollars.

The president has given us a budget that contains $43 billion in increased spending. Of that total, more than $30 billion is for defense. Everything in sight is being cut, but we’re force-feeding the Pentagon with a real, after-inflation increase of 10 percent.

If we keep up that kind of defense spending spree, we may end up with the most powerful military force in the world, but there won’t be anything left to defend.

To some, budget deficits and defense spending might seem to be subjects for only Washington, but their impact on state capitals like Austin is enormous. Large
deficits create large pressures to reduce spending; if, as the Administration suggests, defense should be exempt from further cuts, then the burden of sacrifice will fall more and more in areas where you, as state legislators, will be asked to take up the slack or repair the safety net. The pressure will be on you to increase taxes, provide new services, and yet meet our constitutional requirement here in Texas for a balanced budget.

The people of Texas and you, their elected leaders, are looking to the future and searching for honest answers to the problems facing our state and our nation. We're not going to find those answers by shaking our fist at Washington and establishing an adversary relationship with Washington.

The most important reason I wanted to visit with you today is to offer members of the Texas Legislature my total cooperation in working with you to translate the concerns and priorities of our state into effective national policy.

I mentioned a few moments ago that we all share the privilege of representing the people of Texas. I believe we can accord them the best possible service by setting aside any partisan, parochial differences we may have and by joining hands in the effort to ensure that the voice of Texas is heard loud and clear in Washington.

I have found that there is a Texas angle, a special Texas aspect, to almost every significant legislative item that comes before the Congress.

During the lame duck session, for example, we focused on the nickel-a-gallon gasoline tax increase to generate funds for repairing the interstate highway system. But, working together, we were able to use that debate to correct an historical injustice in the way highway funds were distributed.

For decades Texas has been what is called a "donor state," which is a polite way of saying that we subsidize the trust fund by contributing more than we receive back.

Last fall the Congress passed my amendment guaranteeing that states like Texas will get a return of at least 85 percent on their highway dollars, and that change in the law will mean an additional $700 million for Texas highways over the next four years.

We scored another victory on the highway bill when we won an administration commitment to consider new, cost-effective mass transit rail starts in growing areas of the country—cities like Houston, Dallas, and San Antonio. I don't think it makes any sense for urban mass transit to be the exclusive privilege of older cities in the northeast.

There will be a whole series of similar, equally important battles to be fought in the months ahead. We're seeing the E.P.A. threatening to shut down half the cities in Texas and jam the brakes on growth in this state. The administration is using the threat of sanctions to pressure Congress into abandoning our efforts to combat air pollution. These harsh steps are not necessary; there are better alternatives available under existing law.

The State of Texas is not going to be buffed by the E.P.A. And we can call that bluff most effectively by working together and speaking with one voice.

Every time a new budget is released, every time a major defense contract is let, every time a substantial federal program is initiated we see the Snowbelt legislators, with their staff of paid lobbyists, issuing memoranda and statements about how we in the Sunbelt are robbing their region of resources and sabotaging their growth.

We all know that Texas is not prospering at the expense of any other state in America, but we must be willing to make and prove and insist on that point over and over again if we want to dampen the fires of regionalism in our country.

We've got to help the farmers of Texas who are being squeezed by the crisis in American agriculture. We've got to help the small businessmen of Texas who are being hurt by high interest and a prolonged recession. We've got to help the poor of Texas who are being hammered by deep cuts in important social programs.
We need policies that will encourage energy production in Texas—that will protect and encourage our progress in education. We must help ensure that every citizen of this state has an equal opportunity to be part of the American dream.

My message to you today is: Let's do it together. I am a member of the Finance Committee and the Public Works Committee. I am in a position to help and I want to help. I want to work with you—with Governor Mark White, with Lieutenant Governor Hobby, with Speaker Lewis and all of you here this morning to help build a prosperous, just, and dynamic Texas that can help lead America into a new century of growth and leadership.

Speaker Lewis presented Senator Bentsen with a gavel.

Speaker Lewis introduced Governor Mark White, who addressed the joint session briefly.

SENATE ADJOURNS

At 10:36 a.m., Lieutenant Governor Hobby stated that the business of the joint session had been accomplished and that the senate would, in accordance with a previous motion, stand adjourned until 11 a.m. tomorrow.

HOUSE AT EASE

Speaker Lewis announced that the house would stand at ease pending the departure of the guests.

The speaker called the house to order at 10:42 a.m.

REMARKS ORDERED PRINTED

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

The motion prevailed without objection.

HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING

The following house bills were today laid before the house, read first time and referred to committees:

By Presnal:
HB 401, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the amount of per diem to which a member of a state board or commission is entitled.
To Committee on Appropriations.

By Presnal:
HB 402, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to an exemption from the franchise tax for corporations that hold property exclusively for other corporations that are exempted from the franchise tax.
To Committee on Ways and Means.

By Presnal:
HB 403, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the insanity defense and treatment of mentally ill offenders.
To Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Presnal:
HB 404, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to residency requirements for certain municipal public officers.
To Committee on Elections.
By Hollowell:
HB 405, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to a school district bond or tax election.
To Committee on Public Education.

By Hernandez, et al.:
HB 406, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the providing of equal community antenna or cable television service to residential and commercial customers.
To Committee on Urban Affairs.

By Willis:
HB 407, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to physical examinations of children in cases of reported child abuse.
To Committee on Judiciary.

By Messer:
HB 408, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to a preliminary investigation in connection with the regulation of bail bondsmen.
To Committee on County Affairs.

HB 409 was read first time and referred to Committee on Appropriations on February 1.

By Denton:
HB 410, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the purchase of firearms from the state by retiring state peace officers.
To Committee on Law Enforcement.

By T. Smith:
HB 411, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the use of unclaimed funds received under a court order from a probationer for compensation to victims of crime.
To Committee on Law Enforcement.

By T. Smith:
HB 412, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the authority of the court to impose on a defendant a requirement that the defendant participate in a community service project as a term of probation.
To Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By T. Smith:
HB 413, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the authority of a probation office in a judicial district to develop and administer programs for the supervision of persons released from custody after arrest and prior to trial or entering a pretrial diversion program.
To Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By T. Smith:
HB 414, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the persons authorized to arrest a defendant for violation of a condition of probation.
To Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Staniswalis:
HB 415, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to special license plates for persons born in Texas.
To Committee on Transportation.
By G. Thompson:

HB 416, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to individual metering or submetering to measure consumption of electricity in certain mobile home parks; providing penalties.
To Committee on State Affairs.

By Fox:

HB 417, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to a moratorium on the issuance of certain waste discharge permits.
To Committee on Natural Resources.

By Fox:

HB 418, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to deductions made from the compensation of state officers and employees and from the compensation of officers and employees of local governmental bodies that receive state funds.
To Committee on State Affairs.

By Tejeda:

HB 419, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the mandatory use of interest earned on certain client funds held by attorneys to provide legal services to the indigent in civil matters.
To Committee on Judicial Affairs.

By G. Hill:

HB 420, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the rights of crime victims and the effect of those rights on the availability of bail and release to parole for defendants.
To Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Ragsdale:

HB 421, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the proper voting unit for a change of status relating to alcoholic beverages by local option election when the original voting unit no longer exists.
To Committee on Liquor Regulation.

By Polk:

HB 422, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to medical care subsidies for certain adopted children.
To Committee on Human Services.

By G. Hill:

HB 423, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to recovery of collection expense for furnishing labor and materials.
To Committee on Business and Commerce.

By Stiles, et al.:

HB 424, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to bids of nonresident highway contractors.
To Committee on Transportation.

By Oliveira, et al.:

HB 425, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the creation of a judicial district composed of Cameron and Willacy counties.
To Committee on Judicial Affairs.

HB 426 was read first time and referred to Committee on Ways and Means on February 10.
By Oliveira:
HB 427, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the possession of, access to, and support of a child in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship.
To Committee on Judiciary.

By Presnal:
HB 428, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the right-of-way of vehicles on an access road of a controlled access highway.
To Committee on Transportation.

By Whaley:
HB 429, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to dismissal of charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility.
To Committee on Insurance.

By Cain:
HB 430, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the purposes for which cities may engage in zoning.
To Committee on Urban Affairs.

By S. Hudson:
HB 431, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to utility charges by a housing authority.
To Committee on Urban Affairs.

By Buchanan:
HB 432, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the issuance of certificates of indebtedness by general-law cities and towns to fund certain court judgments.
To Committee on Urban Affairs.

By Robinson, et al.:
HB 433, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the authority to fill a vacancy in the office of a joint district-county clerk.
To Committee on County Affairs.

By Ragsdale:
HB 434, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to adoption of programs by political subdivisions to increase participation by minority business enterprises in contract awards.
To Committee on Business and Commerce.

By Madia:
HB 435, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the Texas Commission on Alcoholism and the administration of alcohol and drug abuse prevention and treatment programs.
To Committee on Public Health.

By Madia:
HB 436, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the prevention and treatment of alcohol abuse and alcoholism.
To Committee on Public Health.

By Danburg:
HB 437, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the offense of public intoxication.
To Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.
By Danburg:
HB 438, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to a right to continuance in a criminal case.
To Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Danburg:
HB 439, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the site of hearings concerning the issuance and renewal of alcoholic beverage licenses and permits.
To Committee on Liquor Regulation.

By Berlanga:
HB 440, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the regulation, licensing, and taxing of pari-mutuel wagering on horse racing, providing penalties.
To Committee on Urban Affairs.

By Danburg:
HB 441, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to furnishing a voter with a written voting aid for use at the polling place.
To Committee on Elections.

By Danburg:
HB 442, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the preservation of fine art.
To Committee on Cultural and Historical Resources.

By Danburg:
HB 443, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to disclosure in the sale of a fine print.
To Committee on Cultural and Historical Resources.

By Danburg:
HB 444, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to making a change of name or address on a driver’s license.
To Committee on Transportation.

By Danburg:
HB 445, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to venue in a suit arising from a lease or rental contract for residential premises.
To Committee on Judiciary.

By Danburg:
HB 446, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the definition of the terms “spouse” and “wife” for the purpose of defining certain sexual offenses.
To Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Vowell:
HB 447, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the civil jurisdiction of the justice courts in certain counties.
To Committee on County Affairs.

By Hackney, et al.:
HB 448, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the creation of the Texas Diabetes Council and to the establishment of pilot programs for persons with diabetes.
To Committee on State Affairs.

By Leonard:
HB 449, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the financial transactions of a corporation.
To Committee on Business and Commerce.
By DeLay:

HB 450, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the disposition of money, securities, negotiable instruments, stocks, or bonds forfeited to an agency of the state or an agency or office of a political subdivision of the state under the Texas Controlled Substances Act.

To Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

SENATE BILL ON FIRST READING

The following senate bill was today laid before the house, read first time and referred to committee:

SB 373 to Committee on Appropriations.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED

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

Rangel on motion of Glossbrenner.

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

L. Evans on motion of Patronella.

SB 213 ON THIRD READING

(Hury - House Sponsor)

The speaker laid before the house on its third reading and final passage,

SB 213, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the requirements for a Certificate of Medical Examination for Mental Illness and to notice and probable cause hearings in connection with orders of protective custody; amending Article 5547-8 and 5547-66 and Subsections (b) and (d), Article 5547-67, Texas Mental Health Code, as amended.

A record vote was requested.

The bill was read third time and was passed by (Record 29): 142 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Agnich; Armbister; Arnold; Barrientos; Barton, B.; Barton, E.; Berlanga; Bliant; Bomer; Buchanan; Burnett; Bush; Cain; Carriker; Cary; Cavazos; Ceverha; Clark; Clemmons; Colbert; Collazo; Connelly; Coody; Cradick; Criss; Crockett; Danburg; DeLay; Delco; Denton; Eckels; Edwards; Eikenburg; Emmett; English; Evans, C.; Finnell; Fox; Gamez; Gandy; Garcia, T.; Gavin; Geistweidt; Gibson, B.; Gibson, J.; Gilley; Glossbrenner; Granoff; Green; Grisham; Hackney; Haley; Hall, B.; Hall, L.; Hall, T.; Hammond; Hanna; Harrison, B.; Harrison, D.; Hellin; Hernandez; Hightower; Hilbert; Hill, A.; Hill, G.; Hill, P.; Hinojosa; Hollowell; Horn; Hudson, D.; Hudson, S.; Hury; Jackson; Jones; Keller; Kemp; Khoury; Kubik; Kuempel; Laney; Lee, D.; Leonard; Luna; McKenna; McWilliams; Madla; Mankins; Martinez, R.; Martinez, W.; Messer, Millsap; Moreno, A.; Moreno, P.; Oliveira; Oliver; Parker; Patrick; Patronella; Patterson; Pennington; Pierce; Polk; Polumbo; Presnal; Price; Ragsdale; Robinson; Rohnett; Rudd; Russell; Salinas; Saunders; Schlueter; Schoolcraft; Shaw; Shea; Short; Simpson; Smith, A.; Smith, C.; Smith, T.; Staniswalis; Stiles; Sutton; Tejeda; Thompson, G.; Thompson, S.; Toomey; Tow; Turner; Uher; Vowell; Waldrop; Wallace; Watson; Whaley; Wieting; Willis; Wilson; Wolens; Word; Wright.
Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).
Absent, Excused — Davis; Evans, L.; Garcia, M.; Rangel.
Absent — Lee, E. F.; Peveto; Valles.

On motion of Representative Hury and by unanimous consent, the caption of SB 213 was ordered amended to conform to the body of the bill.

PROVIDING FOR A CONGRATULATORY AND MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS CALENDAR

Representative S. Hudson moved to suspend all necessary rules to set a Congratulatory and Memorial Resolutions Calendar for 10 a.m., Thursday, February 17.

The motion prevailed without objection.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Coody moved that the house adjourn until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The house accordingly, at 10:59 a.m., adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following committee meetings were announced:

Agriculture and Livestock, Subcommittee on Budget and Oversight, on adjournment today, Room 411, Reagan Building.

Urban Affairs, Subcommittee on Budget and Oversight, on adjournment today, speakers committee room, to consider recommendations on Commission on Fire Protection Personnel Standards and Education.

Business and Commerce, Subcommittee on Budget and Oversight, 2 p.m. today, Room G-B, Reagan Building.

Environmental Affairs, Subcommittee on Budget and Oversight, 4 p.m. today, Room 417.

Local and Consent Calendars, on adjournment today, Desk 82, to consider HCR 22 and HCR 40.

State Affairs, on adjournment today, Desk 97, to consider SB 307.

APPENDIX

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Favorable reports have been filed by committees on bills and a resolution, as follows:

Public Education - SB 131
State Affairs - HCR 22, SB 95
COAUTHORS AUTHORIZED

The following members were granted permission by the authors to sign bills and resolutions as coauthors:

- HB 1 - D. Hudson
- HB 105 - Denton
- HB 294 - Kemp
- HB 309 - D. Hudson
- HB 372 - Armbrister
- HB 382 - Word, Short
- HB 406 - W. Martinez
- HB 424 - Armbrister, Short
- HB 425 - D. Lee
- HB 433 - D. Harrison, Crockett, B. Barton, Carriker, Rangel, Buchanan, Gilley, B. Gibson
- HB 448 - Luna, Shaw, Collazo, Stiles
- HJR 19 - Pennington
- HCR 58 - Saunders, Robinson, G. Hill, Messer