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 59).

Present — Mr. Speaker; Agnich; Armbrister; Arnold; Barrientos; Barton, B.; Barton, E.; Berlanga; Blanton; Bonner; Buchanan; Burnett; Bush; Cain; Carrker; Cary; Cavazos; Ceverha; Clark; Clemens; Colbert; Connelly; Coody; Craddick; Criss, Crockett; Davis; DeLay; Delco; Denton; Eckels; Edwards; Eikcnburg; Emmett; English; Evans, C.; Evans, L.; Finnell; Fox; Gamez; Gandy; Garcia, A.; Garcia, M.; Gavin; Geistweidt; Gibson, B.; Gibson, J.; Gilley; Glossbrenner; Granoff; Green; Grisham; Hackney; Haley; Hall, L.; Hall, T.; Hall, W.; Hammend; Hanna; Harrison, D.; Harrison, W.; Hellin; Hernandez; Hightower; Hilbert; Hill, A.; Hill, G.; Hill, P.; Hinojosa; Hollowell; Horn; Hudson, D.; Hudson, S.; Hur; Jackson; Jones; Keller; Kemp; Kubiak; Kuempel; Laney; Lee, D.; Lee, E. F.; Leonard; Luna; McKenna; McWilliams; Madla; Mansins; Martinez, R.; Martinez, W.; Messer; Millsap; Oliveira; Oliver; Patrick; Patronella; Patterson; Pennington; Peveto; Pierce; Polk; Polumbo; Presnal; Price; Ragsdale; Rangel; Robinson; Robnett; Rudd; Russell; Salinas; Saunders; Schlaeter; Schookraft; Shea, Short; Simpson; Smith, A.; Smith, C.; Smith, T.; Staniswalis; Stiles; Sutton; Tejeda; Thompson, G.; Thompson, S.; Tooney; Turner; Valles; Waldrop; Watson; Whaley; Wieting; Willis; Wolens; Word; Wright.

Absent, Excused — Collazo; Danburg; Moreno, A.; Tow; Uber; Wallace.

Absent — Khoury; Moreno, P.; Parker; Shaw; Vowell; Wilson.

The invocation was offered by Reverend Ralph Braun, pastor, Austin Bible Church, Austin, Texas.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED

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

Tow on motion of A. Hill.
A. Moreno on motion of Cavazos.
Collazo on motion of Hinojosa.

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

Danburg on motion of Kemp.
(Parker and Wilson now present)

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

Uber on motion of Clark.
MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Austin, Texas, March 14, 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:

SCR 48 by Leedom, granting either house of the legislature permission to adjourn from Wednesday, March 30, through Monday, April 4, 1983.

HCR 90 by Russell, congratulating Martha Williams on her 100th birthday.

HCR 91 by Glossbrenner, et al., in memory of Mrs. Herminia L. Rangel.

HCR 95 by Gerald Hill, commending Karen Thompson.

Respectfully,

Betty King
Secretary of the Senate

(Vowell now present)

HB 2293 - PERMISSION TO INTRODUCE

Representative Peveto moved to suspend the constitutional rule for permission to introduce and have placed on first reading HB 2293.

The motion prevailed by (Record 60): 124 Yeas, 6 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Agnich; Armbrister; Arnold; Barrientos; Barton, B.; Barton, E.; Berlanga; Blanton; Bomer; Buchanan; Burnett; Cain; Carricker; Cary; Cavazos; Ceverha; Clark; Clemmons; Colbert; Connelly; Coody; Craddick; Criss; Crockett; Davis; DeLay; Denton; Eckeis; Eikenburg; Emmett; English; Evans, C.; Finnell; Fox; Gamez; Gandy; Garcia, A.; Gavin; Geistweidt; Gibson, J.; Gilley; Glossbrenner; Granoff; Green; Grisham; Hackney; Halev; Hall, L.; Hall, T.; Hall, W.; Hammond; Hanna; Harrison, D.; Harrison, W.; Hightower; Hilbert; Hill, A.; Hill, G.; Hill, P.; Hinojosa; Hollowell; Horn; Hudson, D.; Hudson, S.; Jackson; Jones; Keller; Kemp; Kubiak; Kuempel; Laney; Lee, D.; Leonard; Luna; McKenna; McWilliams; Madia; Mankins; Martinez, R.; Messer; Millsap; Oliveira; Oliver; Parker; Patrick; Patterson; Pennington; Peveto; Pierce; Polk; Polumbo; Presnal; Price; Ragsdale; Rangel; Robinson; Robnett; Rudd; Russell; Salinas; Schoolcraft; Shep; Short; Simpson; Smith, A.; Smith, C.; Smith, T.; Staniswalis; Stiles; Sutton; Tejeda; Thompson, G.; Toomey; Turner; Valles; Vowell; Waldrop; Watson; Whaley; Wieting; Willis; Wolens; Word; Wright.

Nays — Evans, L.; Heflin; Lee, E. F.; Patronella; Thompson, S.; Wilson.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker.

Absent, Excused — Collazo; Danburg; Moreno, A.; Tow; Uher; Wallace.

Absent — Bush; Delco; Edwards; Garcia, M.; Gibson, B.; Hernandez; Hury; Khoury; Martinez, W.; Moreno, P.; Saunders; Schlucet; Shaw.

HR 122 - ADOPTED

Representative Luna moved that all necessary rules be suspended to take up and consider at this time, HR 122.

The motion prevailed without objection.
The speaker laid before the house the following resolution:

By Luna:

HR 122

WHEREAS, It has been ascertained from careful research of the chief clerk's records that on this day one of this chamber's junior members takes a closer step toward the status of elder statesman; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Rene Oliveira of Brownsville was born on March 14, 1955, and despite his young age, he has gained widespread esteem from his legal and political abilities, and his service in the house has earned him the respect, friendship, and admiration of each member; the Mexican-American Caucus of the house has chosen him to be the group's legal counsel; and

WHEREAS, In his spare time, Rene Oliveira is a master chef who specializes in the preparation of barbeque; he is also a master in the successful tuning and cooking of ideas in the legislative and political kitchen; and

WHEREAS, Regardless of his advancing age and accumulating achievements, he is still affectionately referred to as "Baby Huey" by members of his family; this may be because he enjoys eating barbeque as much as cooking it; and

WHEREAS, Members of the house are always delighted to acknowledge the birthday of a colleague, and today Mr. Oliveira affords us that enjoyable opportunity; now, therefore,

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 68th Texas Legislature hereby congratulate Representative Rene Oliveira on the occasion of his birthday and wish him a happy celebration of the event; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for him as a memento of this special day from his friends in the Texas House of Representatives.

The resolution was read and was adopted without objection.

On motion of Representative D. Lee, the names of all the members of the house were added to HR 122 as signers thereof.

REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS SUSPENDED

By unanimous consent, the reading and referral of bills was postponed until just prior to adjournment.

HR 113 - ADOPTED

Representative Barrientos moved that all necessary rules be suspended to take up and consider at this time, HR 113.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The speaker laid before the house the following resolution:

By Barrientos:

HR 113, Commending the Honorable John Trevino, Jr.

The resolution was adopted without objection.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

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

Wallace on motion of Patronella.
Representative Madia moved to set a Congratulatory and Memorial Resolutions Calendar for 10 a.m., Thursday, March 17.

The motion prevailed without objection.

HB 691 ON SECOND READING

The speaker laid before the house on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

HB 691, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the enforcement of certain vehicle weight limitations.

The bill was read second time.

Representative Mankins offered the following committee amendment to the bill:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend HB 691 by adding a new Section 2 to read as follows and renumbering current Sections 2 and 3 accordingly:

SECTION 2. Subdivision 2, Section 6, Chapter 42, General Laws, Acts of the 41st Legislature, 2nd Called Session, 1929 (Article 6701d-J, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

Subdiv. 2. Except inside the limits of incorporated cities over 1.5 million in population, [The] the officers named in Subdivision 1 of this Section [herein] are the only officers authorized to enforce the provisions of this Act. The officers have exclusive authority to enforce all weight limitations for a vehicle on a state-maintained public highway.

Representatives Granoff and Eckels offered the following amendment to Committee Amendment No. 1:

Amend HB No. 691 by adding a new Section 2 to read as follows and renumbering current Sections 2 and 3 accordingly:

SECTION 2. Subdivision 2, Section 6, Chapter 42, General Laws, Acts of the 41st Legislature, 2nd Called Session, 1929 (Article 6701d-11, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

Subdiv. 2. Except inside the limits of incorporated cities over 50,000 in population, [The] the officers named in Subdivision 1 of this Section [herein] are the only officers authorized to enforce the provisions of this Act. The officers have exclusive authority to enforce all weight limitations for a vehicle on a state-maintained public highway.

Representative Finnell moved to table the Granoff - Eckels amendment.

The motion to table prevailed.

Committee Amendment No. 1 was adopted without objection.

HB 691, as amended, was passed to engrossment.

(Shaw now present)
HB 687 ON SECOND READING

The speaker laid before the house on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

HB 687, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the test period for marginal wells.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment. (Wilson recorded voting present - not voting)

HB 166 ON SECOND READING

The speaker laid before the house on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

HB 166, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the days on which emergency elections ordered by the governor may be held and the content of an emergency election proclamation.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment. (Geistweidt recorded voting no)

HB 378 ON SECOND READING

The speaker laid before the house on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

HB 378, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the distribution of small estates on affidavit.

Representative T. Smith offered the following committee amendment to the bill:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend House Bill 378 by adding the word "not" on page 1, at the end of line 15.

Committee Amendment No. 1 was adopted without objection.

Representative T. Smith offered the following committee amendment to the bill:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 2

Amend House Bill 378 by striking the period on page 2, line 18 and adding the phrase "nor does it transfer title to real property."

Committee Amendment No. 2 was adopted without objection.

HB 378, as amended, was passed to engrossment.

HB 176 ON SECOND READING

The speaker laid before the house on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

HB 176, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to disqualification of a juror who is legally blind.

The bill was read second time.
Representative Khoury offered the following committee amendment to the bill:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend HB 176 by renumbering Sections 2 and 3 as Sections 3 and 4 and inserting a new Section 2 to read as follows:

SECTION 2. Section (a), Article 35.16, Code of Criminal Procedure, 1965, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A challenge for cause is an objection made to a particular juror, alleging some fact which renders him incapable or unfit to serve on the jury. A challenge for cause may be made by either the state or the defense for any one of the following reasons:

1. That he is not a qualified voter in the state and county under the Constitution and laws of the state; provided, however, the failure to register to vote shall not be a disqualification;
2. That he has been convicted of theft or any felony;
3. That he is under indictment or other legal accusation for theft or any felony;
4. That he is insane; or
5. That he has such defect in the organs of feeling or hearing, or such bodily or mental defect or disease as to render him unfit for jury service, or that he is legally blind and [either] the court [or the state] in its discretion [or the defendant or the prospective juror in his discretion] is not satisfied that he is fit for jury service in that particular case;
6. [5:] That he is a witness in the case;
7. [6:] That he served on the grand jury which found the indictment;
8. [7:] That he served on a petit jury in a former trial of the same case;
9. [8:] That he has a bias or prejudice in favor of or against the defendant;
10. [9:] That from hearsay, or otherwise, there is established in the mind of the juror such a conclusion as to the guilt or innocence of the defendant as would influence him in his action in finding a verdict. To ascertain whether this cause of challenge exists, the juror shall first be asked whether, in his opinion, the conclusion so established will influence his verdict. If he answers in the affirmative, he shall be discharged without further interrogation by either party or the court. If he answers in the negative, he shall be further examined as to how his conclusion was formed, and the extent to which it will affect his action; and, if it appears to have been formed from reading newspaper accounts, communications, statements or reports or mere rumor or hearsay, and if the juror states that he feels able, notwithstanding such opinion, to render an impartial verdict upon the law and the evidence, the court, if satisfied that he is impartial and will render such verdict, may, in its discretion, admit him as competent to serve in such case. If the court, in its discretion, is not satisfied that he is impartial, the juror shall be discharged;
11. [10:] That he cannot read or write.

No juror shall be impaneled when it appears that he is subject to the second, third or fourth grounds of challenge for cause set forth above, although both parties may consent. All other grounds for challenge may be waived by the party or parties in whose favor such grounds of challenge exist.

In this subsection "legally blind" shall mean having not more than 20/200 of visual acuity in the better eye with correcting lenses, or visual acuity greater than 20/200 but with a limitation in the field of vision such that the widest diameter of the visual field subtends an angle no greater than 20 degrees.

Committee Amendment No. 1 was adopted without objection.
Representative Hinojosa offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend HB 176 as follows:

(1) Insert a new section, appropriately numbered, on page 2 between lines 22 and 23 to read as follows:

SECTION ______. Title 42, Revised Statutes, is amended by adding Article 2120a to read as follows:

Art. 2120a. EXCUSE FROM JURY SERVICE FOR PHYSICAL OR MENTAL IMPAIRMENT. (a) The judge of a district court may, permanently or for a specified period, excuse from service as a juror in all the courts in the county a person with a physical or mental impairment or with an inability to comprehend or communicate the English language that makes it impossible or very difficult for the person to serve on a jury.

(b) An affidavit stating the name and address of the person and the reason for and duration of the requested excuse shall be submitted to a specified district court by the person requesting the excuse, or by a friend or relative of the person, and shall be filed by mail or by personal delivery with the clerk of the district court. A statement from a physician shall be attached to an affidavit requesting excuse from service for physical or mental impairment.

(c) The clerk of the district court shall promptly notify the county tax assessor-collector of the name and address of each person excused from jury service by a district judge under this article and whether the excuse is permanent or for a specified period. The tax assessor-collector shall maintain a current register showing separately the name and address of each person permanently excused from jury service and the name and address of each person excused from jury service for a specified period.

(d) Persons listed on the register provided by Subsection (c) of this article shall not be summoned for jury service during the period for which the person is excused. The names of persons listed on the register shall not be placed in the jury wheel, or otherwise used in preparing the record of names from which a jury list is selected, during the period for which the person is excused.

(e) A person excused from jury service under this article may rescind the excuse at any time by filing a signed request for rescission with the county tax assessor-collector.

(2) Renumber the subsequent sections accordingly.

The amendment was adopted without objection.

HB 176, as amended, was passed to engrossment.

STATEMENT BY REPRESENTATIVE L. EVANS AND REPRESENTATIVE PATRONELLA

I inadvertently voted nay on Record No. 60 and I intended to vote aye.

L. Evans
Patronella

(Khoury now present)

(Speaker pro tempore in the chair)

COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following committee meetings were announced:

Public Education will reconvene from recess 15 minutes after adjournment today, Room 100-E, Reagan Building.
Judicial Affairs, Subcommittee on HB 637, on adjournment today, Desk 149, to consider HB 637.

Elections, Subcommittee on HB 575, HB 441, and HB 574, on adjournment today, Room F, Reagan Building, to consider HB 575, HB 441, and HB 574.

Local and Consent Calendar, 4 p.m. today, Room G-14.

Calendars, on adjournment today, Room G-14.

Labor and Employment Relations, Subcommittee on HB 885, on adjournment today, Room 154-H, to consider HB 885.

Appropriations, 3:10 p.m. today, Room 309, to consider HB 409.

PROVIDING FOR ADJOURNMENT

Representative W. Harrison 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.

The motion prevailed without objection.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

SB 18 to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.
SB 24 to Committee on Transportation.
SB 33 to Committee on Human Services.
SB 42 to Committee on State Affairs.
SB 69 to Committee on Human Services.
SB 100 to Committee on Financial Institutions.
SB 121 to Committee on Judicial Affairs.
SB 122 to Committee on Elections.
SB 134 to Committee on Cultural and Historical Resources.
SB 139 to Committee on Transportation.
SB 185 to Committee on Transportation.
SB 215 to Committee on State Affairs.
SB 250 to Committee on Environmental Affairs.
SB 251 to Committee on Law Enforcement.
SB 252 to Committee on Environmental Affairs.
SB 256 to Committee on Human Services.
SB 258 to Committee on Public Health.
SB 272 to Committee on Energy.
SB 273 to Committee on Energy.
SB 302 to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.
SB 329 to Committee on Human Services.
SB 335 to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.
SB 345 to Committee on Appropriations.
SB 374 to Committee on County Affairs.
SB 379 to Committee on County Affairs.
SB 395 to Committee on County Affairs.
SB 421 to Committee on County Affairs.
SB 438 to Committee on Financial Institutions.
SB 442 to Committee on Appropriations.
SB 451 to Committee on State Affairs.
SB 453 to Committee on Insurance.
SB 454 to Committee on Natural Resources.
SB 460 to Committee on Insurance.
SB 466 to Committee on Appropriations.
SB 467 to Committee on Appropriations.
SB 499 to Committee on County Affairs.
SB 506 to Committee on County Affairs.
SB 508 to Committee on County Affairs.
SB 531 to Committee on Ways and Means.
SB 589 to Committee on Appropriations.

RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

The following resolutions were laid before the house and referred to committees:

By Delco:
HCR 92, Granting permission to Frank E. Hejl to sue the state.
To Committee on Judicial Affairs.

By Barrientos, et al.:
HCR 96, Inviting the Honorable Walter F. Mondale to address a joint session of the Legislature.
To Committee on House Administration.

By Russell:
HCR 97, Memorializing Congress concerning prevention of unwarranted diversion of European steel exports to the United States to pipe and tube products.
To Committee on Business and Commerce.

By G. Hill:
HCR 99, Granting Mission Insurance Company permission to sue the state.
To Committee on Judicial Affairs.

By Hackney:
HCR 100, Granting permission to Mrs. Warthe11 Browne Iles to sue the state.
To Committee on Judicial Affairs.
By Wilson:
HCR 102, Providing for a joint session to recognize and honor the contribution of veterans of the Vietnam War.
To Committee on State Affairs.

By Wilson:
HCR 103, Requesting Governor Mark White to award an annual Distinguished Citizen Award in arts and humanities, science, education, public service, and human rights.
To Committee on State Affairs.

By G. Hill:
HCR 104, Granting permission to Reliance Insurance Company to sue the state.
To Committee on Judicial Affairs.

By T. Smith:
HCR 105, Accepting a plaque from the Austin Lawyers' Wives Club for placement on the granite Bicentennial star located on the Capitol grounds.
To Committee on State Affairs.

By Mankins:
HCR 106, Memorializing Congress to halt the practice of federal judges and federal monitors charging unjustified and excessive fees and expenses to oversee the operations of state prison systems.
To Committee on Law Enforcement.

By Turner:
HR 110, Petitioning the United States Congress to countermand the proposed closing by the United States Army Corps of Engineers of 59 lakeside parks in Texas.
To Committee on Environmental Affairs.

By A. Smith, et al.:
HR 111, Requesting the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission to require applicants to answer certain questions before acquiring an original or a renewal mixed beverage permit or private club registration permit in Harris County.
To Committee on Liquor Regulation.

By Criss:
HR 115, In memory of Charles Scott Jones.
To Committee on Rules and Resolutions.

By Cavazos, et al.:
HR 117, Congratulating the Deaf Community Center of Corpus Christi.
To Committee on Rules and Resolutions.

By W. Harrison:
HR 118, Commending the Flour Bluff High School Boys' Basketball Team of Corpus Christi.
To Committee on Rules and Resolutions.

By Stiles:
HR 119, Commending Mrs. Helen Kuhn.
To Committee on Rules and Resolutions.

By Madla:
HR 120, Congratulating the South San Antonio High School, West Campus, girls basketball team.
To Committee on Rules and Resolutions.
By Cary:
HR 121, Congratulating Donald Curry.
To Committee on Rules and Resolutions.

By C. Evans:
HR 123, Commending Judge Joe Spurlock.
To Committee on Rules and Resolutions.

By L. Evans:
HR 124, Congratulating students and staff of Jack Yates High School.
To Committee on Rules and Resolutions.

SCR 24, Granting Great Southwest Construction Corporation permission to sue the state.
To Committee on Judicial Affairs.

SCR 32, Granting Sharon L. Kinzel permission to sue the state.
To Committee on Judicial Affairs.

SCR 33, Granting Clyde Jenkins permission to sue the state.
To Committee on Judicial Affairs.

SCR 43, Inviting Tony Bonilla to address the 68th Legislature.
To Committee on House Administration.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

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

By Bush:
HJR 56, A joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment to create the Judicial Districts Board and to provide for the reapportionment of judicial districts by that board or by the Legislative Redistricting Board.
To Committee on Judiciary.

By C. Evans:
HJR 57, A joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment to restrict increases in ad valorem taxes, other than school taxes, on the residence homestead of a person 65 or older while it remains the residence homestead of that person or that person's surviving spouse.
To Committee on Ways and Means.

HJR 58 was not read today.

By Schlueter:
HJR 59, A joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize broadened investment authority for certain veteran, public school, university, and statewide retirement system funds.
To Committee on State Affairs.

By DeLay:
HJR 60, A joint resolution relating to the eligibility for unemployment compensation benefits of substitute teachers.
To Committee on Public Education.

By Mankins:
HJR 61, A joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize six-person juries in civil cases.
To Committee on Judicial Affairs.
By Gandy:

**HJR 62**, A joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment to restrict increases in county and city ad valorem taxes on the residence homestead of a person 65 or older while it remains the residence homestead of that person or that person's surviving spouse.

To Committee on Ways and Means.

By T. Smith:

**HJR 63**, A joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the correction of a defect in an indictment or information, and to a defendant's waiver of a defect in an indictment or information.

To Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Saunders:

**HJR 64**, A joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the taxation of certain property owned by certain political subdivisions.

To Committee on Ways and Means.

By W. Hall:

**HJR 65**, A joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the payment of assistance to the surviving dependent parents, brothers, and sisters of certain public servants killed while on duty.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**HJR 66** was not read today.

By M. Garcia:

**HJR 67**, A joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment providing for annual legislative sessions.

To Committee on State Affairs.

By P. Hill:

**HJR 68**, A joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize a person who was a member of the United States Public Health Service to participate in the veterans' land program.

To Committee on Environmental Affairs.

By Wilson:

**HJR 69**, A joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment providing for imposition of a corporate income tax and dedicating the revenue of that tax to educational purposes.

To Committee on Ways and Means.

By Wright:

**HJR 70**, A joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment to provide for assignment of judges of certain courts with probate jurisdiction.

To Committee on Judicial Affairs.

By Colbert:

**HJR 71**, A joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment to provide property tax relief for persons in need of relief because of age, disability, or economic circumstances.

To Committee on Ways and Means.
By Carriker:

**HJR 72**, A joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing
the issuance of general obligation bonds for financing the construction of storage
facilities for agricultural products.

To Committee on Agriculture and Livestock.

**HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING**

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

By Wieting:

**HB 1101**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the qualification for a direct
payment permit under the Limited Sales, Excise, and Use Tax Act.

To Committee on Ways and Means.

By Eckels, et al.:

**HB 1102**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the consolidation of county
election precincts in certain elections.

To Committee on Elections.

**HB 1103** was not read today.

By Shaw:

**HB 1104**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to reports concerning veterans
who may have been exposed to certain chemical defoliants or herbicides or other
causative agents, to assistance provided to those veterans, and to the Agent Orange
Advisory Committee.

To Committee on State Affairs.

By Watson:

**HB 1105**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to a defense to a prosecution
for reckless conduct.

To Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Saunders:

**HB 1106**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the expenses of the official
court reporter for the 155th Judicial District.

To Committee on Judicial Affairs.

By Keller:

**HB 1107**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to rules governing certain audits
conducted by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

To Committee on Liquor Regulation.

By Keller:

**HB 1108**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the vacation time of jail
personnel of certain county jails; providing a penalty.

To Committee on Law Enforcement.

By Keller:

**HB 1109**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to positions exempt from civil
service in the sheriff's departments in certain counties.

To Committee on Law Enforcement.

By Keller:

**HB 1110**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the establishment and
administration of local public health programs.

To Committee on Public Health.
By Buchanan:
HB 1111, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the date a voter registration application by mail is deemed to be received by the voter registrar.
To Committee on Elections.

By Ragsdale:
HB 1112, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the amount of performance and payment bonds required for certain public works contractors.
To Committee on Business and Commerce.

By Presnal:
HB 1113, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to certain fees imposed by the General Land Office and the Veterans Land Board.
To Committee on Environmental Affairs.

By Granoff, et al.:
HB 1114, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the enforcement of certain vehicle weight limitations.
To Committee on Transportation.

By Crockett:
HB 1115, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the establishment of a regional historical resource depository for south central Texas.
To Committee on Cultural and Historical Resources.

By Rudd:
HB 1116, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to an employer paying an employee's salary during the first five days of jury service.
To Committee on Labor and Employment Relations.

By Carriker:
HB 1117, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to representation of persons before state agencies by members of the legislature; providing a penalty.
To Committee on State Affairs.

By Gilley:
HB 1118, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to notice of the commissioners' award in an eminent domain proceeding.
To Committee on County Affairs.

By Khoury:
HB 1119, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the jurisdiction of the supreme court and the courts of appeals and the issuance of the writ of mandamus by the courts of appeals or the justices.
To Committee on Judiciary.

By D. Hudson:
HB 1120, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the appointment of the board of directors of an appraisal district.
To Committee on Ways and Means.

By Schluter, et al.:
HB 1121, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the tabulation of unofficial returns in certain races by the secretary of state.
To Committee on Elections.
By Schlueter:
HB 1122, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the definition of “newspaper” in Chapter 151 of the Tax Code and to the repeal of certain other taxes and fees.
To Committee on Ways and Means.

By Hinojosa:
HB 1123, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the failure of certain persons to maintain records of the source of certain vegetables; providing a penalty.
To Committee on Agriculture and Livestock.

By Hinojosa:
HB 1124, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the authority of a home-rule city to provide water service in an area already served by a water utility.
To Committee on Urban Affairs.

By Hinojosa:
HB 1125, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the creation, operation, and dissolution of enterprise zones.
To Committee on Business and Commerce.

HB 1126 was not read today.

HB 1127 was not read today.

By D. Lee:
HB 1128, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to records of births, deaths, and fetal deaths, enforcement of the vital statistics law, and providing a hearing for a person whose application for a copy of a record is refused.
To Committee on Public Health.

HB 1129 was not read today.

By Willis, et al.:
HB 1130, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to supplemental appropriations to pay the additional cost of purchased utilities at certain institutions of higher education.
To Committee on Appropriations.

By Wilson:
HB 1131, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to notice required to be given concerning property use in residential areas of certain counties; providing a penalty.
To Committee on Urban Affairs.

By B. Barton:
HB 1132, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the payment of interest on certain escrow accounts held by financial institutions organized under the laws of this state.
To Committee on Financial Institutions.

By B. Gibson:
HB 1133, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the repeal of the state law requiring that certain businesses maintain and make public certain personal information about their customers.
To Committee on Business and Commerce.

By Messer:
HB 1134, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the regulation of real estate brokers and salesmen.
To Committee on Business and Commerce.
By W. Hall:

HB 1135, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the information appearing on a voter registration certificate.
To Committee on Elections.

By W. Hall:

HB 1136, A bill to be entitled An Act providing for payment of assistance to surviving dependent parents, brothers, and sisters of certain public servants killed while on duty.
To Committee on State Affairs.

By Robinson:

HB 1137, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the election of directors of the Lavaca Hospital District.
To Committee on County Affairs.

By C. Evans:

HB 1138, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the continuation of the State Securities Board.
To Committee on Financial Institutions.

By Turner:

HB 1139, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to a substantive revision of state law governing certain trusts.
To Committee on Judicial Affairs.

By Schlueter:

HB 1140, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the creation of the Parrie Haynes Ranch Advisory Council and the administration of the Parrie Haynes Ranch as a youth camp.
To Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Shea, et al.:

HB 1141, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the holding of joint elections by certain political subdivisions on the first Saturday in April.
To Committee on Elections.

By Laney:

HB 1142, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the regulation and licensing of persons engaged in the business of structural pest control.
To Committee on Business and Commerce.

By Laney:

HB 1143, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the application of sales, rental, and use taxes on certain vehicles and machinery used for farm purposes and to the definition of motor vehicle in relation to motor vehicle sales, rental, and use taxes.
To Committee on Ways and Means.

By Laney:

HB 1144, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the period of validity of certain motor fuel tax decals and permits, to refunds for unused portions of certain advanced taxes paid, and to the determination of the tax liability in the first year after the issuance of a liquefied gas tax decal.
To Committee on Ways and Means.
By Laney:

HB 1145, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the authority of water control and improvement districts to enter into certain contracts.
To Committee on Natural Resources.

By DeLay:

HB 1146, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the eligibility for unemployment compensation benefits of substitute teachers.
To Committee on Public Education.

By Hammond:

HB 1147, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the improvement of the teaching of mathematics and science in the public schools, declaring state intent for improvement of instruction in the teaching of mathematics and science, providing pilot programs to be used as demonstration models, and declaring an emergency.
To Committee on Public Education.

By E. F. Lee:

HB 1148, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the qualifications of the presiding judge and the clerks serving at a central counting station.
To Committee on Elections.

By L. Hall:

HB 1149, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to rights in certain appropriated water under a permit.
To Committee on Natural Resources.

By E. Barton:

HB 1150, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to toilet and drinking water facilities in locomotives and cabooses; providing a penalty.
To Committee on Transportation.

ADJOURNMENT

In accordance with a previous motion, the house, at 3:25 p.m. adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

APPENDIX

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Agriculture and Livestock - HCR 42
Business and Commerce - HB 64, HB 65
Environmental Affairs - HB 480, HB 492, HB 586, HCR 8
Human Services - HB 642
Judicial Affairs - HCR 24
Natural Resources - HB 846
Retirement and Aging - HB 102, HB 225
State Affairs - HB 304, HB 600
Transportation - HB 825
Urban Affairs - HB 15

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HB 67 - A. Moreno
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HB 367 - Crockett
HB 478 - Crockett
HB 632 - Schoolcraft
HB 641 - Horn, Peveto, J. Gibson, Clemons, English
HB 759 - A. Moreno
HB 791 - Carriker
HB 877 - Jones
HB 884 - Crockett
HB 972 - A. Moreno, Crockett
HB 1020 - Watson
HB 1102 - Patronella
HB 1114 - Eckels
HB 1121 - E. F. Lee, G. Hill
HB 1130 - Presnal
HB 1141 - Jackson
HJR 38 - A. Moreno, Crockett
HJR 44 - Horn, Clemons, English
HCR 95 - Grisham
HCR 96 - Messer, Luna
HR 111 - Toomey, Wallace
HR 117 - W. Harrison, Berlanga
HR 118 - Cavazos, Berlanga

BILLS TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR
UNDER ARTICLE XVI, SECTION 59

The following house bills were transmitted by the chief clerk to the governor:

March 10 - HB 1858, HB 1918
March 11 - HB 2037