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 64).

Present — Mr. Speaker; Agnich; Armbrister; Arnold; Barrientos; Barton, B.; Barton, E.; Berlanga; Blanton; Bomer; Buchanan; Burnett; Bush; Cain; Carricker; Cary; Cavazos; Ceverha; Clark; Clemmons; Colbert; Collazo; Connelly; Coody; Craddock; Criss; Danburg; DeLay; Dolez; Denton; Eckels; Edwards; Eikenburg; Emmett; English; Evans, C.; Evans, L.; Finnell; Fox; Gamez; Gandy; Garcia, A.; Garcia, M.; Gavin; Geistweidt; Gibson, B.; Gilley; Glossbrenner; Granoff; Green; Grisham; Hackney; Haley; Hall, L.; Hall, T.; Hall, W.; Hammond; Hanna; Harrison, D.; Harrison, W.; Heflin; Hernandez; Hightower; Hill, A.; Hill, G.; Hill, P.; Hinojosa; Hollowell; Horn; Hudson, D.; Hudson, S.; Hurv; 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; Prensal; Price; Ragsdale; Rangel; Robinson; Robnett; Rudd; Russell; Salinas; Saunders; Schlueter; Schooelcraft; Shaw; Shea; Short; Simpson; Smith, A.; Smith, C.; Smith, T.; Staniswalis; Stiles; Sutton; Tejeda; Thompson, G.; Thompson, S.; Toomey; Tow; Turner; Valles; Vowell; Waldrop; Watson; Whaley; Wieting; Willis; Wilson; Wolens; Word; Wright.

Absent, Excused — Crockett.

Absent — Davis; Gibson, J.; Uher; Wallace.

The invocation was offered by Sister Lillie McKeever, Missionary and Prayer Warrior of the Lakewood Outreach Center, Houston, Texas, as follows:

Our Father, who art in Heaven, we pray in Jesus' name. We intercede for our great and beautiful state and government. We pray with love and faith that each issue that is discussed on this floor will be given much thought. I bind the Spirit of Evil in Jesus' name. Bless the house speaker, the representatives and their aides. Give them guidance that what they say and do will benefit and be best for all the people of Texas. Father we thank you for not having any respective race or color. Bless the governor and those who aid him. Give them love and wisdom to work for the good of the people of this state. Where there is hate, let there be love. Father, we ask that you heal our economy. Bless those who need jobs. Let us not judge one another or persecute. Be understanding and show love in Jesus' name. We pray, not doubting, that you heard us this day, March 16, 1983. We give all the glory, praise and thanks to you, Our Father.

Let us all say amen, amen.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

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

Crockett on motion of D. Hudson.
MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Austin, Texas, March 16, 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 1 by Sarpalius, et al., relating to the offenses of driving while intoxicated, driving under the influence of a controlled substance or drug and involuntary manslaughter involving the use of a motor vehicle.

Respectfully,
Betty King
Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The speaker laid before the house and had read the following message from the governor:

Austin, Texas
March 15, 1983

TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SIXTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE: REGULAR SESSION:

Pursuant to Article III, Section 5, of the Texas Constitution, I, Mark White, Governor of the State of Texas, submit the following emergency matters for immediate consideration by the 68th Legislature, now convened:

HB 761 by Presnal, relating to supplemental appropriations to Texas A&M University and to the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station to replace property destroyed by fire.

SB 670 by Caperton, relating to supplemental appropriations to Texas A&M University and to the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station to replace property destroyed by fire.

SB 445 by Glasgow, relating to a supplemental appropriation and a transfer of funds to the Office of the Attorney General.

HB 1130 by Willis, relating to supplemental appropriations to pay the additional cost of purchased utilities at certain institutes of higher education.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark White
Governor

HR 135 - ADOPTED

Representative Stiles moved that all necessary rules be suspended to take up and consider at this time, HR 135.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The speaker laid before the house the following resolution:
WHEREAS, The United States Army Corps of Engineers in February, 1982, announced the closing of 59 Texas lakeside parks adjoining reservoirs constructed by the corps; and

WHEREAS, The parks to be closed in Texas comprise almost one-sixth of the total 403 to be closed nationwide by the corps and almost one-fourth of the corps' 259 parks located in Texas; and

WHEREAS, This threatened loss represents a significant reduction in public access to fishing, boating, swimming, picnicking, and camping facilities, a reduction which cannot be offset except by increased state and local expenditures to provide alternative recreational facilities for displaced park users; and

WHEREAS, The corps' action amounts to unilateral abandonment of the plans that it formulated, and of the concomitant responsibilities that it assumed, when it constructed the reservoirs originally; and

WHEREAS, This abandonment springs from the narrow budgetary rationale of an isolated federal agency, without a congressional vote, without a presidential order, without the benefit of an environmental impact statement, and without due respect for the corps' state and local governmental partners; and

WHEREAS, Even its budgetary rationale is ill-founded, given that the corps' decision eliminates facilities supporting almost 9 million visitations by recreationists annually to achieve savings of a mere $232,000; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of Texas join with the Boating Trades Association of Texas, American Recreation Coalition, Sportsmen's Clubs of Texas, Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club, Texas Recreation and Parks Society, Discover Texas Association, Texas Tourist Council, Texas Recreational Vehicle Association, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas Conservation Foundation, Texas Tourist Development Agency, Attorney General's Office, and other private organizations and state agencies, in protesting the closing by the United States Army Corps of Engineers of 59 of its lakeside parks in Texas; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 68th Legislature hereby create a special committee of three members, to be selected by the speaker of the house, to travel to Washington, D.C.; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the committee meet with members of the Texas delegation to the United States Congress, with staff of the Texas Office of State-Federal Relations, and with officials of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, and attempt to persuade the corps to formally rescind its decision; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the members of the committee be reimbursed for expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of this resolution, their expenses to be paid from the contingent expense fund of the house of representatives; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That, upon its return, the committee make a report to the house of representatives on its activities and on the expected outcome of the issue.

The resolution was adopted without objection.

REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS SUSPENDED

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

HR 129 - ADOPTED

Representative Green moved that all necessary rules be suspended to take up and consider at this time, HR 129.
The motion prevailed without objection.

The speaker laid before the house the following resolution:

By Green:

HR 129, Commending William Spivey.

The resolution was adopted without objection.

(Stiles in the chair)

HB 1138 - RULES SUSPENDED

Representative Coody moved to suspend the 5-day posting rule to allow the Committee on Financial Institutions to consider HB 1138.

The motion prevailed without objection.

(Uher now present)

(Speaker in the chair)

HB 54 ON THIRD READING

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

HB 54, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to career education.

The bill was read third time and was passed. (Patterson, Salinas, Agnish, Collazo, and Hollowell recorded voting no)

HB 208 ON THIRD READING

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

HB 208, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to provision of certain insurance and payment of premiums by counties and other political subdivisions of the state.

The bill was read third time and was passed.

HB 267 ON THIRD READING

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

HB 267, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to compliance with a will admitted to probate as a muniment of title.

The bill was read third time and was passed.

HB 502 ON THIRD READING

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

HB 502, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the description of opiates and opium derivatives, including fentanyl, for the purposes of schedules and penalty groups in the Texas Controlled Substances Act.

(Davis now present)

A record vote was requested.

The bill was read third time and was passed by (Record 65): 144 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

Yea — Agnish; Armbrister; Arnold; Barrientos; Barton, B.; Barton, E.; Berlanga; Blanton; Bomer; Buchanan; Burnett; Bush; Cain; Carriker; Cary; Cavazos; Ceverha; Clark; Clemons; Colbert; Collazo; Connelly; Coody; Craddick;
Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).
Absent, Excused — Crockett; Emmett; Garcia, M.
Absent — Gibson, J.; Wallace.

HB 164 ON THIRD READING

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

HB 164, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the civil jurisdiction of county courts and justice courts.

The bill was read third time and was passed.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

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

M. Garcia on motion of Glossbrenner.

(Wallace now present)

SB 89 ON SECOND READING
(G. Hill - House Sponsor)

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

SB 89, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the requirements for a person who is 15 years of age to obtain a driver’s license; amending Subsection (d), Section 12, Chapter 173, Acts of the 47th Legislature, Regular Session, 1941, as amended (Article 6687b, Vernon’s Texas Civil Statutes).

The bill was read second time.
Representative P. Moreno offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend SB 89 on page 1, line 16 by striking the words “an unusual” and substituting in lieu thereof “a significant”.

(J. Gibson now present)
Representative G. Hill moved to table the P. Moreno amendment.
The motion to table prevailed.
Representative Hackney offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend SB 89, page 2 to insert Subsection 3 b following Subsection 3 a line 21 to read:

3 b. If the Department determines an applicant must assist in the responsibilities of an unusual economic hardship on the family, it may waive the driver training course requirement in Paragraph (B) of Subdivision (2) of this subsection and issue a temporary 60-day license, renewable for additional 60-day periods until applicant reaches age 16, at which time applicant may apply for permanent license provided he has completed and passed a driver training course approved by the Department.

The Hackney amendment failed of adoption.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED**

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

Emmett on motion of G. Thompson.

**SB 89 - (consideration continued)**

Representatives Salinas and Laney offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend SB 89 as follows:

1. Insert in Section 1 of the bill a new Paragraph (B) to Section 12(d)(1), Chapter 173, Acts of the 47th Legislature, Regular Session, 1941 (Article 6687b, Vernon’s Texas Civil Statutes), to read as follows:

   (B) a license should be granted to the applicant because the applicant requires a driver’s license for the applicant’s employment;

2. Renumber current Paragraphs (B) and (C) of that subdivision as Paragraphs (C) and (D).

The Salinas - Laney amendment failed of adoption.

Representatives Clark and Khoury offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend SB 89 as follows:

On Page 2, line 26, insert the following:

"(5) To be eligible to take the driver training course, an applicant must:

   (A) be at least fourteen (14) years of age; and
   (B) meet the requirements and qualify for a license under Subdivision (1) of this subsection.

The Clark - Khoury amendment was adopted without objection. (P. Hill recorded voting no)

Representative Denton offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend SB 89 by adding the following on page 2, line 16:

"(3) If the Department determines an applicant must assist in the responsibilities of a family illness, disability, economic emergency or death-related emergency, it may waive the driver training course requirement in Paragraph (B) of Subdivision (2) of this subsection and issue a temporary 60-day license, renewable for additional 60-day periods so long as the emergency continues.

Representative G. Hill moved to table the Denton amendment.

A record vote was requested.
The motion to table prevailed by (Record 66): 85 Yeas, 59 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

Yeas - Agnich; Arnold; Barton, E.; Berlanga; Blanton; Buchanan; Bush; Ceverha; Clemmons; Collazo; Connelly; Coody; Craddick; Danburg; Davis; DeLay; Eckels; Eikenburg; Evans, C.; Fox; Gavin; Geistweidt; Glossbrenner; Grisham; Haley; Hall, L.; Hammond; Hanna; Harrison, D.; Harrison, W.; Heflin; Hilbert; Hill, A.; Hill, G.; Hill, P.; Hinojosa; Hollowell; Horn; Hudson, D.; Hury; Jackson; Keller; Khoury; Kuempel; Lee, D.; Leonard; McKenna; McWilliams; Madla; Mankins; Messenger; Millsap; Patrick; Patterson; Pennington; Pierce; Polk; Polumbo; Presnal; Price; Robinson; Robnett; Rudd; Salinas; Saunders; Schlueuter; Schoolcraft; Shear; Simpson; Smith, A.; Smith, T.; Staniswals; Stiles; Tejeda; Thompson, G.; Toomey; Tow; Turner; Valles; Vowell; Waldrop; Whaley; Wieting; Willis; Wright.

Nays - Armbrister; Barrientos; Barton, B.; Bomer; Burnett; Cain; Carriker; Cary; Cavazos; Clark; Colbert; Criss; Delco; Denton; Edwards; English; Evans, L.; Finnell; Gamez; Gandy; Garcia, A.; Gibson, B.; Granoff; Green; Hackney; Hall, T.; Hall, W.; Hernandez; Hightower; Hudson, S.; Jones; Kemp; Kubiaik; Laney; Lee, E. F.; Luna; Martinez, R.; Martinez, W.; Moreno, A.; Moreno, P.; Oliveira; Oliver; Parker; Patronella; Peveto; Ragsdale; Rangel; Russell; Shaw; Short; Smith, C.; Sutton; Thompson, S.; Uher; Wallace; Watson; Wilson; Wolens; Word.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent, Excused — Crockett; Emmett; Garcia, M.

Absent — Gibson, J.; Gilley.

Representatives Patterson and Eckels offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend SB 89 by adding a new paragraph (5) after line 25 of page 2 to read as follows:

“(5) the department may suspend a license issued under the terms of this subsection if the holder of that license is convicted of a moving violation.”

The Patterson - Eckels amendment was adopted without objection.

Representative Carriker offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend SB 89, page 2: delete lines 16 through 21.

Representative G. Hill moved to table the Carriker amendment.

The motion to table was lost.

The Carriker amendment was adopted.

SB 89, as amended, was passed to third reading. (Uher and Laney recorded voting no)

HB 141 ON SECOND READING

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

HB 141, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the purchase of newspapers for use in public schools.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment. (Wieting, Hollowell, and Clark recorded voting no)
SB 95 ON SECOND READING
(Bomer - House Sponsor)

The speaker laid before the house on its second reading and passage to third reading.

SB 95, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the authority of the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house of representatives to administer oaths, affidavits, and affirmations and to give a certificate of the fact; amending Section 1, Article 26, Revised Statutes, as amended.

The bill was read second time and was passed to third reading.

HB 147 ON SECOND READING

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

HB 147, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the determination of local option status under the Bingo Enabling Act.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment. (Hollowell, Clark, and Fox recorded voting no)

HB 338 ON SECOND READING

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

HB 338, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the authority of the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation to construct and operate a psychiatric treatment facility in Tarrant County.

The bill was read second time.

Representative Eikenburg offered the following committee amendment to the bill:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend HB 338 on page 1, line 12 by striking “Tarrant County” and inserting “the Tarrant County Hospital District Board of Managers”.

Committee Amendment No. 1 was adopted without objection.

HB 338, as amended, was passed to engrossment. (Salinas and Collazo recorded voting no)

RULES SUSPENDED

Representative E. F. Lee moved to suspend the 48-hour subcommittee report rule to allow the Committee on Elections to consider Budget and Oversight mark-up.

The motion prevailed without objection.

COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following committee meetings were announced:

Law Enforcement, Subcommittee on Budget and Oversight, 2:15 p.m. today, Room G-A, Reagan Building for mark-up on the TDC bill.

Business and Commerce, Subcommittee on HB 1010, on adjournment today, Desk 90, to consider HB 1010.
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Business and Commerce, Subcommittee on Workers Compensation, on adjournment today, Desk 90, to consider HB 131.

Environmental Affairs, on adjournment today, Desk 109, to consider SB 250 and SB 252.

Judicial Affairs, Subcommittee on HB 370, on adjournment today, Desk 4, to consider HB 370.

Transportation, Subcommittee on SB 6, on adjournment today, Desk 61, to consider SB 6.

Urban Affairs, Subcommittee on HB 555, on adjournment today, speakers committee room, to consider HB 555.

Public Health, Subcommittee on HB 229, 9:30 a.m. tomorrow, March 17, 1983, Desk 45, to consider HB 229.

Public Education, Subcommittee on Budget and Oversight, 8:30 a.m. tomorrow, March 17, 1983, Reagan Building 100B, for mark-up.

Appropriations, 2 p.m. today, Room 309, Capitol, to consider HB 409 and other posted bills.

Elections, on adjournment today, Desk 115.

PROVIDING FOR ADJOURNMENT

Representative Glossbrenner 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 Cori Carmignani, son of former Representative Mary Jane Bode.

The motion prevailed without objection.

(Speaker pro tempore in the chair)

HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

By Berlanga:
HB 1201, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the location of the dune protection line.
    To Committee on Natural Resources.

By Pierce:
HB 1202, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to drilling or operating a water well near a septic tank; amending Chapter 28, Water Code; and providing a penalty.
    To Committee on Natural Resources.

By Peveto:
HB 1203, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to revision of the Tax Code to conform to recent constitutional amendments concerning property taxation.
    To Committee on Ways and Means.

By Hury:
HB 1204, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to a bondsman's ability to retrieve a forfeiture after a judgment nisi.
    To Committee on County Affairs.
By Shaw:

HB 1205, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to standards of conduct and financial disclosure requirements for certain public servants and former public servants; providing a penalty.
To Committee on State Affairs.

By Granoff:

HB 1206, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to monetary limits on state liability for certain claims against officers and supervisory employees of the Texas Department of Corrections and the Texas Youth Council.
To Committee on Law Enforcement.

By Granoff:

HB 1207, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the increase in personal injury protection coverage; amending Article 5.06-3 of the Texas Insurance Code.
To Committee on Insurance.

By Granoff:

HB 1208, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to offenses involving explosive and chemical dispensing weapons and the forfeiture of certain items seized pursuant to an arrest for a weapons violation.
To Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By C. Smith:

HB 1209, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the restructuring, funding, and administration of the Judicial Retirement System of Texas.
To Committee on Retirement and Aging.

By McWilliams:

HB 1210, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the creation of the County Court at Law of Rusk County and to the membership of the judge of that court on the county juvenile board.
To Committee on Judicial Affairs.

By Wilson:

HB 1211, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to an increase in the corporate franchise tax and the dedication of that and other revenue for educational purposes.
To Committee on Ways and Means.

By T. Smith, et al.:

HB 1212, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to continuing legal education and training for certain judges.
To Committee on Judiciary.

By T. Smith, et al.:

HB 1213, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to campaign contributions involving certain judicial offices.
To Committee on Elections.

By FInnell:

HB 1214, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to transfer of accumulated contributions of certain members of the Employees Retirement System of Texas.
To Committee on Retirement and Aging.

By Shea:

HB 1215, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to an exemption from sales and use taxes for certain energy-saving materials and equipment.
To Committee on Ways and Means.
By Hollowell:
HB 1216, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the designation of emergency interim successors to assume the powers and duties of unavailable legislators in the event of enemy attack.
To Committee on State Affairs.

By Colbert:
HB 1217, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the labeling and advertising of kosher food; providing a penalty.
To Committee on Business and Commerce.

By Colbert:
HB 1218, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to property tax relief for owners of residence homesteads.
To Committee on Ways and Means.

By Colbert:
HB 1219, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to property tax relief for renters.
To Committee on Ways and Means.

By Waldrop:
HB 1220, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the management and disposition of personal property possessed by children committed to the Texas Youth Council.
To Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Waldrop:
HB 1221, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the right of a city attorney to obtain a legal opinion from the attorney general.
To Committee on Judiciary.

By Carrisro:
HB 1222, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the creation of the Texas Storable Commodities Preservation Program to provide farm storage facilities construction loans.
To Committee on Agriculture and Livestock.

By Keller:
HB 1223, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to disciplinary punishment for a minor offense committed by a member of the Texas military forces.
To Committee on State Affairs.

By Keller:
HB 1224, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to compensation for a member, or the survivors of a member, of the Texas military forces if the member is killed or disabled while performing state military duty.
To Committee on State Affairs.

By Keller:
HB 1225, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to discharge from the Texas military forces.
To Committee on State Affairs.

By Keller:
HB 1226, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to awards, decorations, and medals for meritorious service presented to a member of the military forces.
To Committee on State Affairs.
By Keller:
HB 1227, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the law regulating enlistments and appointments in the Texas National Guard.
To Committee on State Affairs.

By Horn:
HB 1228, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the public school educators' professional liability insurance program.
To Committee on Public Education.

By Cain, et al.:
HB 1229, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the service plan and fare and service changes of a regional transportation authority in a metropolitan area; amending Chapter 683, Acts of the 66th Legislature, Regular Session, 1979, as amended (Article 1118y, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes); and declaring an emergency.
To Committee on Transportation.

By Kemp:
HB 1230, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to sentencing for persons convicted of driving while intoxicated.
To Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Geistweidt:
HB 1231, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to correcting patents.
To Committee on Natural Resources.

By Messer:
HB 1232, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the regulation of job protection insurance; providing penalties.
To Committee on Insurance.

By B. Harrison:
HB 1233, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the examination and fees for a license to practice podiatry.
To Committee on Public Health.

By Hernandez:
HB 1234, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the punishment, sentencing, and availability of parole or mandatory supervision for a person convicted of a capital offense.
To Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Hernandez:
HB 1235, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the punishment, sentencing, and availability of parole or mandatory supervision for a person convicted of a capital offense.
To Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Oliver:
HB 1236, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to a court-ordered evaluation of a mentally ill or mentally retarded person.
To Committee on Public Health.

By Granoff:
HB 1237, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to defenses in Workers' Compensation actions.
To Committee on Business and Commerce.
By Polk:
HB 1238, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the establishment of the Texas Health and Human Services Coordinating Council.
To Committee on State Affairs.

By M. Garcia:
HB 1239, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the provision of mileage guides by the comptroller of public accounts.
To Committee on Ways and Means.

By Toomey:
HB 1240, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the construction and financing of certain facilities as part of parking stations in certain counties.
To Committee on County Affairs.

By Madla:
HB 1241, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to parking privileges for disabled persons in vehicles registered in other states.
To Committee on Transportation.

By Madla:
HB 1242, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the study of alcohol and drug abuse in public schools.
To Committee on Public Education.

By Buchanan:
HB 1243, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to establishment of a juvenile board in Sherman County.
To Committee on County Affairs.

By Presnal:
HB 1244, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to contributions to the Teacher Retirement System of Texas and for the optional retirement program.
To Committee on Retirement and Aging.

By McWilliams:
HB 1245, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the purchase by The Texas A&M University System of certain land in Harrison County for use by the Texas Forest Service.
To Committee on Higher Education.

HB 1246 was not read today.

HB 1247 was not read today.

By McWilliams:
HB 1248, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the compensation of commissioners and surveyors in partition suits.
To Committee on County Affairs.

By Laney:
HB 1249, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to administration of, contributions to, and service and benefits under, the fire fighters' relief and retirement fund.
To Committee on Urban Affairs.
By Peveto:
HB 1250, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the election, terms of office, and compensation of directors of the Orange County Drainage District of Orange County. To Committee on Natural Resources.

By Peveto:
HB 1251, A bill to be entitled An Act to establish and implement an energy management loan fund for cities, counties, and Independent School Districts. To Committee on Energy.

By Peveto:
HB 1252, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to extensions of time in which to file a petition for discretionary review. To Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Oliveira:
HB 1253, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the offense of disposing of or storing a pesticide in a manner that is likely to cause injury or pollution; providing a penalty. To Committee on Agriculture and Livestock.

By Parker:
HB 1254, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to establishment of a juvenile board in Culloch County. To Committee on County Affairs.

By Haley:
HB 1255, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the powers of an electric cooperative corporation. To Committee on State Affairs.

HB 1256 was not read today.

By Haley:
HB 1257, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to salary step credit for certain school employees who serve as the chief executive officer of a professional organization. To Committee on Public Education.

HB 1258 was read first time and was referred to the Committee on Public Education on March 10.

By G. Thompson:
HB 1259, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the wages paid to construction workers engaged in public works projects in certain counties. To Committee on County Affairs.

By Leonard:
HB 1260, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to unemployment compensation benefit eligibility for a person employed in the performing arts under a contract for a specified term of less than one year. To Committee on Labor and Employment Relations.

By Gavin:
HB 1261, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the authority of the commissioners court of Wichita County to create the office of public defender for that county. To Committee on County Affairs.
By Cary:
HB 1262, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to election from single-member districts of directors of the Tarrant County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1.
To Committee on Natural Resources.

By Hightower:
HB 1263, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the powers and status of the Tribal Councils and tribal businesses of the Alabama-Coushatta and the Tigua Indian Tribes.
To Committee on Cultural and Historical Resources.

By Criss:
HB 1352, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to levying a surtax on employers for the payment of interest owed to the federal unemployment trust fund.
To Committee on Labor and Employment Relations.

By Schlueter:
HB 1937, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the due dates of the public utilities gross receipts assessment and the interest rate on delinquent assessments.
To Committee on Ways and Means.

By Schlueter:
HB 1938, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the filing of estimated insurance gross premium taxes.
To Committee on Ways and Means.

By Schlueter:
HB 1939, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the due dates for certain taxes.
To Committee on Ways and Means.

By Schlueter:
HB 1940, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the time periods for filing sales and use taxes, the prepayment discount for paying sales and uses taxes, and direct payment permits.
To Committee on Ways and Means.

ADJOURNMENT
In accordance with a previous motion, the house, at 12:42 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:
Appropriations - SB 345, SB 589
Elections - HB 639, HB 730, HB 972, SB 68, SB 120
Rules and Resolutions - HR 95, HR 96, HR 97, HR 98, HR 99, HR 102, HR 103, HR 104, HR 106, HR 107, HR 108, HR 109, HR 112, HR 115, HR 117, HR 118, HR 119, HR 120, HR 121, HR 123, HR 124, HCR 101
ENGROSSED
March 15 - HB 166, HB 378, HB 687, HB 691
March 16 - HB 54, HB 164, HB 208, HB 267, HB 502

COAUTHORS AUTHORIZED

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

- HB 11 - Wright
- HB 502 - Shaw
- HB 687 - Shaw
- HB 770 - Pennington
- HB 977 - S. Hudson, Ceverha
- HB 1020 - E. Barton, E. F. Lee
- HB 1212 - Bush
- HB 1213 - Bush
- HB 1229 - A. Hill, Hammond, Agnich, Keller, Gandy, Blanton, Eikenburg, Oliver, Wolens
- HCR 67 - Shaw