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PROCEEDINGS

THIRD DAY — THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2019

The house met at 11:31 a.m. and was called to order by the speaker.

The roll of the house was called and a quorum was announced present (Record 11).

Present — Mr. Speaker(C); Allen; Allison; Anchia; Anderson; Ashby; Bailes; Beckley; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Biedermann; Blanco; Bonnen; Bowers; Buckley; Bucy; Burns; Burrows; Button; Cain; Calanni; Canales; Capriglione; Clardy; Cole; Coleman; Collier; Cortez; Craddick; Cyrier; Darby; Davis, S.; Davis, Y.; Dean; Deshotel; Dominguez; Dutton; Farrar; Flynn; Frank; Frullo; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; Goldman; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Gutierrez; Harless; Harris; Hefner; Hernandez; Herrero; Hinojosa; Holland; Howard; Huberty; Hunter; Israel; Johnson, E.; Johnson, J.E.; Kacal; King, K.; King, P.; King, T.; Klick; Krause; Kuempel; Lambert; Landgraf; Lang; Larson; Leach; Leman; Longoria; Lozano; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Middleton; Miller; Minjarez; Moody; Morrison; Muñoz; Murphy; Murr; Neave; Nevárez; Noble; Oliverson; Ortega; Pacheco; Paddie; Parker; Patterson; Paul; Perez; Phelan; Price; Ramos; Raney; Raymond; Reynolds; Rodriguez; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schaefer; Shaheen; Sheffield; Sherman; Shine; Smith; Springer; Stephenson; Stickland; Stucky; Swanson; Talarico; Thierry; Thompson, E.; Thompson, S.; Tinderholt; Toth; Turner, C.; Turner, J.; VanDeaver; Vo; Walle; Wilson; Wray; Wu; Zedler; Zerwas; Zwiener.

Absent, Excused — Bohac; Johnson, J.D.; Lucio; Sanford; Smithee.

Absent — White.

The invocation was offered by Representative Krause as follows:

Lord, we thank you for the awesome opportunity you've bestowed on each of us to come into this chamber and represent some incredible Texans in our individual house districts. We know that in the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes, you say there's a time for everything and a season. And as our speaker has reminded us, the time to take care of some of Texas' biggest issues is now. So we pray that as we deliberate these big issues, that as your scripture says, if we lack wisdom, that you will give it to us liberally. So we ask that you would give us wisdom, discernment, understanding, and that we would be able to hash out these huge issues. And as we do that, as your word says, help us to be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry.

We continue to pray for our spouses and our children, our support structures back home, that you would give them an extra measure of blessing today. Keep them safe and protect them. Keep them healthy while we're away in our absence the next 130-plus days. We thank you most of all for your son, for his willingness to leave heaven to come down to earth, be born of a virgin, live a sinless life, to give himself up willingly to death on a cross, but to be raised three days later, conquering sin and death, so that we could have a personal relationship with him here on earth and an eternal home with you in heaven. We thank you for your son, and it is in his matchless holy name that we pray all these things. Amen.

The chair recognized Representative Allison who led the house in the pledges of allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED

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

Sanford on motion of Krause.

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

Bohac on motion of Miller.

J.D. Johnson on motion of Thierry.

Lucio on motion of Hernandez.

Smithee on motion of Flynn.

CAPITOL PHYSICIAN

The chair recognized Representative Frank who presented Dr. Thomas David Greer of Henrietta as the "Doctor for the Day."

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

(White now present)

COMMITTEE APPOINTED

The speaker announced the appointment of the following inaugural committee: Meyer, chair; Cyrier, Frank, Moody, and Rose.

HOUSE AT EASE

At 11:45 a.m., the chair announced that the house would stand at ease pending the arrival of guests.

**CANVASSING THE VOTES CAST FOR
GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
(The House of Representatives and Senate in Joint Session)**

In accordance with the provisions of **SCR 3** providing for a joint session of the house and senate for the purpose of counting the votes for the governor of Texas and the lieutenant governor of Texas cast at the general election, held on November 6, 2018, the honorable senators, at 11:59 a.m., were admitted to the hall of the house and occupied seats arranged for them.

President Pro Tempore Kirk Watson was escorted to the speaker's rostrum and called the senate to order.

Speaker Bonnen called the house of representatives to order at 12:12 p.m.

A quorum of the house was announced present.

A quorum of the senate was announced present.

Speaker Bonnen stated that the house and senate were in joint session pursuant to **SCR 3** for the purpose of counting the votes for governor of Texas and lieutenant governor of Texas cast at the last general election, held on November 6, 2018.

JOINT COMMITTEE APPOINTED

The speaker announced the appointment of the following joint committee of tellers to count the votes cast for governor and lieutenant governor: Senators Hughes, chair; Alvarado, Fallon, Flores, Paxton, and Powell on the part of the senate; and Representatives Wray, chair; Dominguez, Gervin-Hawkins, Rodriguez, Swanson, and Toth on the part of the house.

The joint tellers were announced present.

Speaker Bonnen made the following announcement:

Pursuant to the Texas Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, as speaker of the house of representatives, I now officially turn over to the joint committee the official returns of the last general election, held November 6, 2018, for the office of governor and for the office of lieutenant governor of Texas, said returns having been turned over to me by the Honorable David Whitley, secretary of state.

JOINT SESSION AT EASE

At 12:14 p.m., the speaker announced that the joint session would stand at ease pending receipt of the report of the joint committee of tellers.

The speaker called the joint session to order at 1:37 p.m.

REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF TELLERS

Speaker Bonnen stated that the joint tellers had completed the count of the votes and the legislature was now ready to receive the results and the report of the joint tellers. The report was read, as follows:

Austin, Texas
January 10, 2019

The Honorable Kirk Watson
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

The Honorable Dennis Bonnen
Speaker of the House

Sirs:

We, the joint committee appointed by the presiding officers of the senate and house of representatives to canvass the votes cast at the last general election held in the State of Texas on November 6, 2018, for governor and lieutenant governor of the State of Texas, as shown by returns delivered to us by the secretary of state, beg leave to report that we have performed that duty and that the result of our canvass is as follows:

The votes cast for governor are as follows:

Greg Abbott, Republican Party	4,656,196
Lupe Valdez, Democratic Party	3,546,615
Mark Jay Tippetts, Libertarian Party	140,632
Others	0

The votes cast for lieutenant governor are as follows:

Dan Patrick, Republican Party	4,260,990
Mike Collier, Democratic Party	3,860,865
Kerry Douglas McKennon, Libertarian Party	183,516
Others	0

Respectfully submitted,

Hughes, chair
Alvarado
Fallon
Flores
Paxton
Powell
For the Senate

Wray, chair
Dominguez
Gervin-Hawkins
Rodriguez
Swanson
Toth
For the House of Representatives

The report was adopted.

Speaker Bonnen made the following announcement:

The Honorable Greg Abbott having received the highest number of votes cast, I, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Texas, declare him duly, legally, and constitutionally elected governor of the State of Texas for the ensuing term of four years.

The Honorable Dan Patrick having received the highest number of votes cast, I, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Texas, declare him duly, legally, and constitutionally elected lieutenant governor of the State of Texas for the ensuing term of four years.

Speaker Bonnen delivered the official returns of the election to the secretary of state.

SENATE RECESS

At 1:44 p.m., the president pro tempore stated that the purpose for which the joint session was called had been completed and the senate would, in accordance with a previous motion, stand recessed until 11 a.m. Tuesday, January 15.

HOUSE AT EASE

At 1:44 p.m., the chair announced that the house would stand at ease pending the departure of guests.

The chair called the house to order at 1:48 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Lozano moved that the house adjourn until 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, January 15.

The motion prevailed.

The house accordingly, at 1:48 p.m., adjourned until 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, January 15.

