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## PROCEEDINGS

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THIRTY-NINTH DAY — THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2019

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 160).

Present — Mr. Speaker(C); Allen; Allison; Anchia; Anderson; Ashby; Bailes; Beckley; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Biedermann; Blanco; Bohac; 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; Fierro; 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.D.; Johnson, J.E.; Kacal; King, K.; King, P.; King, T.; Klick; Krause; Kuempel; Lambert; Landgraf; Lang; Larson; Leach; Leman; Longoria; Lopez; Lozano; Lucio; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Middleton; Miller; Minjarez; Moody; Morales; 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; Sanford; Schaefer; Shaheen; Sheffield; Sherman; Shine; Smith; Smithee; Springer; Stephenson; Stickland; Stucky; Swanson; Talarico; Thierry; Thompson, E.; Thompson, S.; Tinderholt; Toth; Turner, C.; Turner, J.; VanDeaver; Vo; Walle; White; Wilson; Wray; Wu; Zedler; Zerwas; Zwiener.

The invocation was offered by Jason Harris, senior pastor, Evangelistic Temple, Palestine, as follows:

Heavenly Father, we begin this day with our acknowledgement of you, our praise for you, and our submission to you, recognizing that without you we are nothing. Your word says there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God, so we acknowledge that we are here because of you. As these men and women whom you have chosen to govern this great state face the tasks before them today, I pray that you give them wisdom beyond their own capacity for it. Lead them, guide them, speak to them as they make decisions today that affect us all, so that those decisions will be in line with your will. Lord, in a time of great division in our country, I pray what happens in this house, what happens in Texas, will be the exception. I pray for a spirit of unity, that disagreements be seasoned with grace so that Texas will be a model for how government should run and how people can work together even when they don't

see things the same. Give these men and women boldness to make the decisions that are best not for one party or the other but best for the State of Texas and best for your glory.

Lord, thank you for giving us the privilege of belonging to the greatest state in the nation. Thank you for the abundance of blessings you have given us in the diversity of land, the wealth of natural resources, and in the character, spirit, and attitude of the people that make us unique. I pray these blessings will not be squandered but that we will be good stewards of what we've been given and that we will not lose what makes us unique not just as Texans but as your people called by your name. And it is in that name that I pray these things, the name above all names, the name of Jesus, who made the way possible for us to be made right with you through the shedding of his blood. Let everything we do be an act of gratitude for that sacrifice, for you have done for us what we were incapable of doing for ourselves. We give you this day and ask that your will be done here as it is in heaven. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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

### **CAPITOL PHYSICIAN**

The chair recognized Representative Stickland who presented Dr. Linda Siy of Euless as the "Doctor for the Day."

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

### **REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS SUSPENDED**

On motion of Representative Harris and by unanimous consent, the reading and referral of bills was postponed until just prior to adjournment.

### **HR 1117 - ADOPTED**

**(by T. King)**

Representative T. King moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 1117**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 1117**, Recognizing April 2019 as Alcohol Responsibility Month.

**HR 1117** was adopted.

### **HR 486 - INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

The chair recognized Representative Zwiener who introduced Wood & Wire bluegrass band.

**COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

The following committee meeting was announced:

International Relations and Economic Development, 10:30 a.m. today, 3W.9, for a formal meeting, to consider pending business.

**HR 918 - ADOPTED  
(by Paddie)**

Representative Paddie moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 918**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 918**, Congratulating the Shelbyville High School boys' basketball team on winning the 2019 UIL 2A state championship.

**HR 918** was adopted.

On motion of Representative Ashby, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 918** as signers thereof.

(Goldman in the chair)

**COMMITTEE GRANTED PERMISSION TO MEET**

Representative T. King requested permission for the Committee on International Relations and Economic Development to meet while the house is in session, at 10:30 a.m. today, in 3W.9, to consider pending business.

Permission to meet was granted.

**HR 270, HR 271, & HR 320 - INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

The chair recognized Representative Rosenthal who introduced representatives of Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District.

**HCR 146 - ADOPTED  
(by Craddick)**

Representative Craddick moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HCR 146**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HCR 146**, Congratulating Denna Marcum McGuire and Allen Grover McGuire Jr. of Midland on their 50th wedding anniversary.

**HCR 146** was adopted.

On motion of Representative Zerwas, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HCR 146** as signers thereof.

**HR 1079 - ADOPTED**  
**(by Y. Davis)**

Representative Y. Davis moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 1079**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 1079**, Commemorating the Igbo Community Association of Nigeria Dallas-Fort Worth 2019 Business Banquet.

**HR 1079** was adopted.

**HR 1072 - ADOPTED**  
**(by Howard)**

Representative Howard moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 1072**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 1072**, Honoring six nonprofit workforce development organizations participating in the Texas Innovative Adult Career Education Grant Program.

**HR 1072** was adopted.

**HR 1080 - ADOPTED**  
**(by Y. Davis)**

Representative Y. Davis moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 1080**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 1080**, Congratulating the Oak Cliff Faith Family Academy boys' basketball team on winning the 2019 UIL 4A state championship.

**HR 1080** was adopted.

**RULES SUSPENDED**  
**FLOOR PRIVILEGES**

Representative Paddie moved to suspend Rule 5, Section 11, of the House Rules to entitle necessary staff from the Sunset Advisory Commission privileges of the floor of the house during consideration of **HB 1311**, **HB 1326**, and **HB 1422**.

The motion prevailed.

**MAJOR STATE CALENDAR**  
**HOUSE BILLS**  
**SECOND READING**

The following bills were laid before the house and read second time:

**CSHB 1422 ON SECOND READING****(by Paddie)**

**CSHB 1422**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Historical Commission.

Representative Paddie moved to postpone consideration of **CSHB 1422** until 11:15 a.m. today.

The motion prevailed.

**CSHB 1311 ON SECOND READING****(by S. Thompson, Flynn, Lambert, Paddie, and Nevárez)**

**CSHB 1311**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists.

**CSHB 1311 - REMARKS**

REPRESENTATIVE STICKLAND: Representative, I was reading the Sunset Advisory Commission report—

REPRESENTATIVE S. THOMPSON: You were reading?

STICKLAND: I was. I was, funny enough. And under the table of contents in the staff report on the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists it says, "Issue/Recommendations." And the first one says simply, "State regulation of geoscientists provides no measurable public benefit and should be discontinued." And going to that part of the official report by the Sunset, they literally suggest that we should not continue it for six years. I'm just wondering why we should vote in the affirmative today when our own state review said that we should not.

S. THOMPSON: First of all, Sticky, those persons work for us, and they make recommendations, but they are not the final arbiter of being able to assess and evaluate information. Geoscientists are persons who let us know what is happening with the Earth's surface, and they provide critical oversights on our groundwater, building structures, and environmental cleanups and spills. They also are essential to flood mapping and disaster recovery efforts. A lot of times when we looked at this agency, we decided that we would fold them into the engineering agency and we'd combine them with them. I know a lot of times we want to eliminate things, but there are a lot of persons who provide a lot of services. There are a lot of licensed geoscientists here in the State of Texas, and sometimes you need to put your brakes on some things. Even though the recommendation may have been made, these are mere people that are working, and they're doing it from an academic point of view. We're looking at it not only academically, but we're looking at it from a broader perspective to see what is the larger range of the benefits, what they benefit to society as a whole. And for that reason, I have agreed on a six-year wind-down time to give them an opportunity to be able to wind this agency down and to continue to provide those critical services that we do need within our state.

STICKLAND: Would it be fair to say that if I disagreed with having an occupational license for geoscientists that I should vote against your bill today? If I don't think that we should have an occupational license for geoscientists, I should vote no. Is that correct?

S. THOMPSON: I think that you should vote the way that you think that you should vote, but I'm telling you the benefit of the research, the data, the hearings, and the information that we were able to provide. And that we did come out of the Sunset Commission and recommended a six-year life expectancy for this agency. If you want to vote no, then, you know, that is within the ambit of your prerogative.

(Speaker in the chair)

REPRESENTATIVE PADDIE: Thank you, Ms. Thompson, first of all for your invaluable efforts as a member of Sunset and on this bill in particular. I want to ask you a couple questions that I hope will be enlightening to folks here today that may share Mr. Stickland's opinion that we don't need this agency. And I'll be very honest, there were, Ms. Thompson—were there not, when we were having this discussion initially—there were some of us who actually agreed that we should do away with geoscientists. Is that correct?

S. THOMPSON: There were.

PADDIE: But there was not agreement, necessarily. Those folks were in the minority as it relates to that. So as a compromise, what we did is say that we're going to extend this agency for six years, put them under engineering, which is in line with their next sunset, and then a determination can be made at that time as to whether or not we want to do something different. Is that correct?

S. THOMPSON: That is correct.

PADDIE: Okay. Now procedurally, is it not true, Ms. Thompson, that we just passed a sunset safety net bill just a couple of days ago in this chamber, right?

S. THOMPSON: We did.

PADDIE: Which in effect says that if any bill, including this bill, does not pass, that those agencies are automatically extended for another two years in their current form. Is that correct?

S. THOMPSON: Absolutely.

PADDIE: So the effect of this bill not passing would be that it would continue to function as it does today, which some of us believe was a less efficient way of doing it, right?

S. THOMPSON: Right.

PADDIE: So I hope the membership will understand—whether you are for or against geoscientists being regulated or there being a license for that—that you actually, by voting against this bill, you're voting for a less efficient model. Correct?

S. THOMPSON: Absolutely. And I just want to point out that when you're looking at the aquifers here in the State of Texas, the geoscientists are the persons who look for those understandings of aquifer systems and developing and interpreting groundwater models and so forth and so on. This is within the ambit of their work.

PADDIE: And Ms. Thompson, as it is in a lot of situations, it's not just as easy as flipping a switch and all of a sudden we don't regulate these folks anymore. There is, in fact, is there not—there are situations with TCEQ, the Railroad Commission, and the Water Development Board where they've used geoscientists, and it requires that they have certain projects be sealed by a professional geoscientist. Is that correct?

S. THOMPSON: Absolutely. And even the banks require it before they make loans.

PADDIE: Right. And so if we were to do away with this, that would cause some conflicts and potentially some costs internally for these rather large agencies that utilize these professionals.

S. THOMPSON: Absolutely.

PADDIE: All right. Thank you, Ms. Thompson, for your hard work.

REPRESENTATIVE LARSON: To track back to something you talked about as far as securing loans for large engineering projects—dealing with transportation, environmental projects, large-scale water projects including dams—is it a requirement by those financial institutions to have a stamp that says "professional geoscientists" on it?

S. THOMPSON: It is. That is a requirement before they make a loan.

LARSON: You also talked extensively about groundwater availability models and about well siting and well spacing. All of that is an integral part of how we work on large-scale projects dealing with the water resources that are going to be made available into Texas. Can you expand on that?

S. THOMPSON: Well, when you're working with those areas, it is the geophysics experience that gives us the knowledge about those locations of aquifers, where to do wells, and so forth and so on. And without that knowledge, we may not know where to go and find those things. They also give us information and knowledge on units and structures such as faults and caves and weak zones within our soil structure.

LARSON: The aquifers as we know them in the State of Texas—we would not have all the empirical data if it wasn't for geoscientists that are compiling this data, understanding the geological formations, and understanding the hydrological flows that flow through our aquifers. I truly appreciate this aspect of the bill.

**REMARKS ORDERED PRINTED**

Representative Cain moved to print remarks between Representative S. Thompson, Representative Stickland, Representative Paddie, and Representative Larson on **CSHB 1311**.

The motion prevailed.

**LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED**

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

Thierry on motion of Bowers.

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

Rose on motion of Longoria.

**CSHB 1311 - (consideration continued)**

A record vote was requested by Representative Stickland.

**CSHB 1311** was passed to engrossment by (Record 161): 121 Yeas, 16 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Allen; Allison; Anchia; Anderson; Ashby; Bailes; Beckley; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bohac; Bonnen; Bowers; Buckley; Bucy; Burns; Burrows; Button; Calanni; Canales; Capriglione; Clardy; Collier; Cortez; Craddick; Cyrier; Darby; Davis, S.; Davis, Y.; Dean; Deshotel; Dominguez; Dutton; Farrar; Fierro; Flynn; Frank; Frullo; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; Goldman; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Gutierrez; Harless; Harris; Hernandez; Herrero; Holland; Howard; Huberty; Hunter; Israel; Johnson, E.; Johnson, J.D.; Kacal; King, K.; King, P.; King, T.; Kuempel; Lambert; Landgraf; Larson; Leach; Leman; Longoria; Lopez; Lozano; Lucio; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Miller; Minjarez; Moody; Morales; Morrison; Muñoz; Murphy; Murr; Neave; Nevárez; Oliverson; Ortega; Pacheco; Paddie; Paul; Perez; Phelan; Price; Ramos; Raney; Reynolds; Rodriguez; Romero; Rosenthal; Sanford; Sheffield; Sherman; Shine; Smith; Springer; Stephenson; Stucky; Talarico; Thompson, E.; Thompson, S.; Turner, C.; Turner, J.; VanDeaver; Vo; Walle; Wray; Wu; Zerwas; Zwiener.

Nays — Biedermann; Hefner; Klick; Krause; Lang; Middleton; Noble; Parker; Patterson; Schaefer; Shaheen; Stickland; Tinderholt; Toth; White; Wilson.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C); Smithee.

Absent, Excused — Rose; Thierry.

Absent — Blanco; Cain; Cole; Coleman; Hinojosa; Johnson, J.E.; Raymond; Swanson; Zedler.



**STATEMENTS OF VOTE**

When Record No. 161 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted no.

Cain

When Record No. 161 was taken, I was shown voting no. I intended to vote yes.

Klick

When Record No. 161 was taken, I was shown voting present, not voting. I intended to vote yes.

Smithee

When Record No. 161 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted no.

Zedler

**CSHB 1326 ON SECOND READING**

**(by Flynn, S. Thompson, Paddie, Lambert, and Nevárez)**

**CSHB 1326**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Military Department.

**CSHB 1326** was passed to engrossment.

**GENERAL STATE CALENDAR****HOUSE BILLS****SECOND READING**

The following bills were laid before the house and read second time:

**HB 1286 ON SECOND READING**

**(by Smithee and Guillen)**

**HB 1286**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to establishing a guardianship abuse, fraud, and exploitation deterrence program.

**HB 1286** was passed to engrossment.

**CSHB 833 ON SECOND READING**

**(by Hernandez and Flynn)**

**CSHB 833**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the creation of a statewide alert system for missing military members.

**CSHB 833** was passed to engrossment.

**HB 1595 ON SECOND READING**

**(by Paddie)**

**HB 1595**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the deployment of advanced metering and meter information networks in certain areas outside of ERCOT.

**HB 1595** was passed to engrossment.

**HB 986 ON SECOND READING****(by Price, K. King, Springer, Frullo, and Burrows)**

**HB 986**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the deployment of advanced metering and meter information networks by certain non-ERCOT utilities.

**HB 986** was passed to engrossment.

**HB 853 ON SECOND READING****(by Moody, M. González, Blanco, Ortega, Fierro, et al.)**

**HB 853**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the deployment of advanced metering and meter information networks in certain areas outside of ERCOT.

(Geren in the chair)

**HB 853** was passed to engrossment.

**CSHB 1397 ON SECOND READING****(by Phelan, Metcalf, Paddie, Price, Moody, et al.)**

**CSHB 1397**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the establishment of rates for certain non-ERCOT utilities.

**CSHB 1397** was passed to engrossment.

(Speaker in the chair)

**CSHB 1628 ON SECOND READING****(by Morrison)**

**CSHB 1628**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the authority of coastal counties to adopt certain rules for island parks, beach parks, and public beaches; creating a criminal offense.

**CSHB 1628** was passed to engrossment.

**HB 1872 ON SECOND READING****(by Goldman)**

**HB 1872**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to public access to certain information included on personal financial statements filed by county judicial officers.

**HB 1872** was passed to engrossment.

**HB 2709 ON SECOND READING****(by Frullo)**

**HB 2709**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to authorization for the sale of certain Texas Tech University property.

**HB 2709** was passed to engrossment.

**HB 260 ON SECOND READING****(by Blanco, Anchia, and Romero)**

**HB 260**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the creation of a cross-border motor vehicle traffic congestion web portal.

Representative Blanco moved to postpone consideration of **HB 260** until 10 a.m. Monday, April 8.

The motion prevailed.

**HB 2867 ON SECOND READING**  
**(by Metcalf and Oliverson)**

**HB 2867**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the creation of the Sam Houston State University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

**HB 2867** was passed to engrossment.

**HB 293 ON SECOND READING**  
**(by K. King, et al.)**

**HB 293**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to investment training requirements for school district and municipal financial officers.

**HB 293** was passed to engrossment.

**CSHB 674 ON SECOND READING**  
**(by Patterson)**

**CSHB 674**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to soliciting from school districts served by a regional education service center certain information in conjunction with the annual evaluation of the center.

**CSHB 674** was passed to engrossment.

**COMMITTEE GRANTED PERMISSION TO MEET**

Representative Lozano requested permission for the Committee on Environmental Regulation to meet while the house is in session, at 11:50 a.m. today, in 3W.9, to consider pending business.

Permission to meet was granted.

**COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

The following committee meeting was announced:

Environmental Regulation, 11:50 a.m. today, 3W.9, for a formal meeting, to consider pending business.

**RESOLUTIONS CALENDAR**

The chair laid before the house the following resolutions on committee report:

**HCR 43**  
**(by Guillen)**

**HCR 43**, Designating February as Kidney Health Awareness Month for a 10-year period beginning in 2019.

**HCR 43** was adopted by (Record 162): 146 Yeas, 1 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Allen; Allison; Anchia; Anderson; Ashby; Bailes; Beckley; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Biedermann; Blanco; Bohac; 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; Fierro; 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.D.; Johnson, J.E.; Kacal; King, K.; King, P.; King, T.; Klick; Krause; Kuempel; Lambert; Landgraf; Lang; Larson; Leach; Leman; Longoria; Lopez; Lozano; Lucio; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Middleton; Miller; Minjarez; Moody; Morales; Morrison; Muñoz; Murphy; Murr; Neave; Nevárez; Noble; Oliverson; Ortega; Pacheco; Paddie; Parker; Patterson; Paul; Perez; Phelan; Price; Ramos; Raney; Raymond; Reynolds; Rodriguez; Romero; Rosenthal; Sanford; Schaefer; Shaheen; Sheffield; Sherman; Shine; Smith; Smithee; Springer; Stephenson; Stucky; Swanson; Talarico; Thompson, E.; Thompson, S.; Tinderholt; Toth; Turner, C.; Turner, J.; VanDeaver; Vo; Walle; White; Wilson; Wray; Wu; Zedler; Zerwas; Zwiener.

Nays — Stickland.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent, Excused — Rose; Thierry.

### STATEMENT OF VOTE

When Record No. 162 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Cain

### POSTPONED BUSINESS

The following bills were laid before the house as postponed business:

#### CSHB 1422 ON SECOND READING

(by Paddie)

**CSHB 1422**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Historical Commission.

**CSHB 1422** was read second time earlier today and was postponed until this time.

#### CSHB 1422 - STATEMENT OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT

REPRESENTATIVE PEREZ: I just want to clarify your intent with this bill regarding the San Jacinto Battleground Site and Museum, which is in my district, which is House District 144. Section 5 of **CSHB 1422** would transfer the ownership and management of the San Jacinto Battleground from the Texas Parks and Wildlife to the Texas Historical Commission. Is that correct?

REPRESENTATIVE PADDIE: Yes.

PEREZ: Second, **CSHB 1422** does not, however, transfer the Battleship Texas to the Texas Historical Commission, is that correct?

PADDIE: That is correct because Texas Parks and Wildlife has a long history and expertise on that issue and because there is a separate foundation working on that issue as far as restoration. So that is correct.

PEREZ: Chairman Paddie, are you aware that some conservation organizations have raised legitimate concerns that because part of the work of the Parks and Wildlife Department has been to restore the original coastal prairie habitat of the San Jacinto Battleground to its original habitat—important for both historical and ecological reasons—that transferring the property to the Historical Commission might not be in the best interests of all Texans?

PADDIE: Yes, ma'am. We have heard that from some, and you, yourself, have come in to personally visit with me as well. So I am very much aware of it.

PEREZ: What are you doing to assure that this important habitat function continues?

PADDIE: Well, first, the transfer is not immediate, as Texas Parks and Wildlife is still working on additional grants to expand and restore the size of the property. That is discussed on page 7 of my bill. Second, I have a rider in **HB 1** that we'll continue to work on so that the personnel at Texas Parks and Wildlife that are key biologists and land management personnel would also be transferred to the Texas Historical Commission so that the work can continue. That rider is, of course, subject to the ultimate budget bill, but you have my word we will continue to work to get the correct personnel at THC.

PEREZ: And lastly, is there a Plan B, and if so, what will that be if this transfer does not work out such that the native coastal prairie habitat is properly restored?

PADDIE: Well, fortunately, because Texas Parks and Wildlife will actually be under Sunset review next cycle in 2021, you have my word that we can look at the issue again, if needed, to assure that the transfer of the San Jacinto Battleground is in the best interest of all Texans and is being managed by the proper agency.

### REMARKS ORDERED PRINTED

Representative Perez moved to print remarks between Representative Paddie and Representative Perez on **CSHB 1422**.

The motion prevailed.

REPRESENTATIVE DOMINGUEZ: Mr. Paddie, I'm asking you some questions to clear up some legislative intent. Does this bill move historical sites from Parks and Wildlife to the Historical Commission?

PADDIE: Yes, it does.

DOMINGUEZ: Is one of those sites to be moved the Port Isabel Lighthouse?

PADDIE: Yes, sir, it is.

DOMINGUEZ: Are you aware that the Port Isabel Lighthouse is currently operated under an MOU between Parks and Wildlife and the City of Port Isabel?

PADDIE: I am very much aware of that.

DOMINGUEZ: Under this bill, if the transfer occurs, how would that MOU and that relationship change?

PADDIE: It's my understanding that along with the historical sites transferring, all the assets, liabilities, FTEs, riders, et cetera, would also transfer. It is my understanding that this MOU would also transfer along with the historic site. I've also spoken with the Historical Commission, even as recently as this morning, and they have indicated to me that they intend to operate the lighthouse under that MOU. And so that would stay in place.

### **REMARKS ORDERED PRINTED**

Representative Dominguez moved to print remarks between Representative Paddie and Representative Dominguez on **CSHB 1422**.

The motion prevailed.

**CSHB 1422** was passed to engrossment.

### **FIVE-DAY POSTING RULE SUSPENDED**

Representative Zerwas moved to suspend the five-day posting rule to allow the Committee on Appropriations to consider **HB 2300** at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, April 8 in E1.030.

The motion prevailed.

### **COMMITTEES GRANTED PERMISSION TO MEET**

Representative Canales moved that the house grant permission for all committees and subcommittees to meet while the house is in session, during bill referral today, pursuant to their committee postings or recess motions.

Permission to meet was granted.

### **COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The following committee meetings were announced:

Licensing and Administrative Procedures, upon adjournment or during bill referral, if permission granted, today, 1W.14, for a formal meeting, to consider pending business.

State Affairs, upon adjournment or during bill referral, if permission granted, today, 1W.14, for a formal meeting, to consider pending business.

Transportation, upon adjournment or during bill referral, if permission granted, today, 3W.15, for a formal meeting, to consider pending business.

**PROVIDING FOR ADJOURNMENT**

At 12:04 p.m., Representative Paddie moved that, at the conclusion of the reading of bills and resolutions on first reading and referral to committees, the house adjourn until 9 a.m. tomorrow.

The motion prevailed.

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

Bills and joint resolutions were at this time laid before the house, read first time, and referred to committees. (See the addendum to the daily journal, Referred to Committees, List No. 1.)

(Goldman in the chair)

**ADJOURNMENT**

In accordance with a previous motion, the house, at 12:07 p.m., adjourned until 9 a.m. tomorrow.

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**ADDENDUM**

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**REFERRED TO COMMITTEES**

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

**List No. 1**

**SB 17** to State Affairs.

**SB 22** to State Affairs.

**SB 193** to Homeland Security and Public Safety.

**SB 201** to Criminal Jurisprudence.

**SB 406** to Homeland Security and Public Safety.

**SB 475** to State Affairs.

**SB 477** to Homeland Security and Public Safety.

**SB 522** to Public Education.

**SB 586** to Homeland Security and Public Safety.

**SB 1041** to Natural Resources.

**SB 1113** to Agriculture and Livestock.

**SB 1324** to Higher Education.

**SB 1564** to Human Services.

**SB 2191** to Criminal Jurisprudence.

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**APPENDIX**

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**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Favorable reports have been filed by committees as follows:

**April 3**

Culture, Recreation, and Tourism - **HB 1181, HB 2218**

Defense and Veterans' Affairs - **HB 306, HB 676, HB 1837, HB 2039**

Elections - **HB 1117, HB 1852, HB 3252**

Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence - **HB 598, HB 619, HB 2006**

Natural Resources - **HB 721, HB 723**

Public Health - **HB 18, HB 749, HB 1318, HB 2594**

State Affairs - **HB 350, HB 541, HB 1785, HB 2192, HB 2969**

Transportation - **HB 511, HB 695, HB 799, HB 917, HB 1053, HB 1308**

**ENGROSSED**

**April 3 - HB 27, HB 539, HB 1066, HB 1241, HB 1254, HB 1385,  
HB 1442, HB 1520, HB 1550**