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PROCEEDINGS

ELEVENTH DAY (CONTINUED) — TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021

The house met at 10:03 a.m. and was called to order by the speaker.

The invocation was offered by Representative Rogers as follows:

Our heavenly Father, you made the sun rise this morning, and for that we are grateful. You allowed us to breathe your air and walk into this amazing edifice to represent God's people in the great State of Texas. We're honored to serve in a state in a nation so richly blessed by you. Help us to always be aware of your presence in this house as we seek to better the lives of our citizens.

As legislation is introduced and decisions are made, help us to focus on voting to please you first. Lord, please give us discernment to sort the wheat from the chaff. You know when our thoughts and actions are meant to unite and help and when they are meant to divide and harm. Help us to promote legislation that will benefit your people as they pass through this life.

God, as we struggle to somehow make a difference, let us never forget that you are in control. You have given each of us the incredible responsibility of representing your people. You know our hearts. Lord, until that day when we meet you face to face, help us to be better leaders, better followers, and more acceptable in your sight. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

The speaker led the house in the pledges of allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

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.)

RECESS

Representative Hefner moved that the house recess until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

The motion prevailed.

The house accordingly, at 10:20 a.m., recessed until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

ADDENDUM

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

HB 2401 (By Middleton), Preserving religious liberty from nativist jurisprudence.

To State Affairs.

HB 2402 (By Price), Relating to a prohibition on additional state and local taxes, assessments, and fees on ammunition, firearms, and firearm supplies.

To Ways and Means.

HB 2403 (By Krause), Relating to the procedure for selecting the members of the board of directors of an appraisal district.

To Ways and Means.

HB 2404 (By Meyer), Relating to the creation and maintenance of a database of information regarding certain local economic development agreements; providing a civil penalty.

To Ways and Means.

HB 2405 (By Rodriguez), Relating to the municipal regulation of housing for homeless individuals provided by a religious organization.

To Urban Affairs.

HB 2406 (By Davis), Relating to the qualifications of experts in certain health care liability claims.

To Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

HB 2407 (By Rodriguez), Relating to the repayment of unemployment benefits paid in error.

To Business and Industry.

HB 2408 (By Rodriguez), Relating to the computation of unemployment compensation benefits for an individual who is totally unemployed in a benefit period.

To Business and Industry.

HB 2409 (By Dean), Relating to the waiver of requirements for removing a person's license from inactive status during a state of disaster.

To Public Health.

HB 2410 (By Dean), Relating to the location at which certain Internet sales are consummated for purposes of local sales taxes.

To Ways and Means.

HB 2411 (By Dean), Relating to the authority of certain counties to authorize the operation of an off-highway vehicle on certain roads.

To Transportation.

HB 2412 (By Dean), Relating to bag and length limits for certain fish.

To Culture, Recreation, and Tourism.

HB 2413 (By Shine), Relating to the authority of a property owner to bring suit to compel an appraisal district, chief appraiser, or appraisal review board to comply with a procedural requirement applicable to an ad valorem tax protest.

To Ways and Means.

HB 2414 (By Davis), Relating to the requirement that a person present photo identification to file a document in the real property records of a county.

To County Affairs.

HB 2415 (By Meyer), Relating to the collection, remittance, and administration of certain taxes on motor vehicles rented through a marketplace rental provider; imposing a penalty.

To Ways and Means.

HB 2416 (By Gervin-Hawkins), Relating to the recovery of attorney's fees as compensatory damages for certain claims.

To Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

HB 2417 (By Gervin-Hawkins), Relating to incentives for the moving image industry in this state.

To Culture, Recreation, and Tourism.

HB 2418 (By Gervin-Hawkins), Relating to incentives for the moving image industry in this state.

To Culture, Recreation, and Tourism.

HB 2419 (By Shaheen), Relating to increasing the criminal penalty for certain offenses committed during a riot.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 2420 (By Howard and Israel), Relating to the eligibility of the South by Southwest Conference and Festivals for funding under the Major Events Reimbursement Program.

To Culture, Recreation, and Tourism.

HB 2421 (By Davis), Relating to the disclosure of information collected by a regional transportation authority under the public information law.

To Transportation.

HB 2422 (By Zwiener), Relating to the regulation of aggregate production operations by the commissioners court in certain counties.

To Environmental Regulation.

HB 2423 (By Davis), Relating to the periodic emissions and safety inspections of certain motor vehicles.

To Environmental Regulation.

HB 2424 (By Murr), Relating to the definition of homestead.
To Business and Industry.

HB 2425 (By Murr), Relating to the eligibility of land for appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes as qualified open-space land on the basis of its use for wildlife management.

To Ways and Means.

HB 2426 (By Murr), Relating to water quality protection areas.
To Natural Resources.

HB 2427 (By Murr), Relating to the transfer of certain probate proceedings to the county in which the executor or administrator of a decedent's estate resides.
To Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

HB 2428 (By Murr), Relating to the calculation of net to land in the appraisal of open-space land for ad valorem tax purposes.

To Ways and Means.

HB 2429 (By Meyer), Relating to the alternate provisions for ad valorem tax rate notices when the de minimis rate of a taxing unit exceeds the voter-approval tax rate.

To Ways and Means.

HB 2430 (By Murr), Relating to the mileage expense reimbursement for certain temporary justices of the peace.

To County Affairs.

HB 2431 (By Murr), Relating to the designation of a portion of State Highway 173 in Bandera County as the Master Sergeant Rodney Lee Buentello Memorial Highway.

To Defense and Veterans' Affairs.

HB 2432 (By Murr), Relating to increasing the maximum reference base amount for certain consumer loans.

To Pensions, Investments, and Financial Services.

HB 2433 (By Zwiener), Relating to the use of municipal hotel occupancy tax revenue in certain municipalities.

To Ways and Means.

HB 2434 (By Cain), Relating to the governing body and employees of the independent organization certified to manage the ERCOT power region.

To State Affairs.

HB 2435 (By Cain), Relating to the imposition of tolls on Fairmont Parkway in Harris County.

To Transportation.

HB 2436 (By Davis), Relating to the establishment of a community pretrial review panel by each county for the resolution and diversion of certain misdemeanor cases out of the criminal justice system.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 2437 (By Davis), Relating to an oath for peace officers and reserve law enforcement officers.

To Homeland Security and Public Safety.

HB 2438 (By Meyer), Relating to municipalities and counties that adopt budgets that defund law enforcement agencies.

To Ways and Means.

HB 2439 (By White), Relating to the appointment of a temporary guardian to receive certain social security benefits.

To Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

HB 2440 (By White), Relating to the eligibility for a license to carry a handgun.

To Homeland Security and Public Safety.

HB 2441 (By White), Relating to the imposition and collection of fines, fees, and court costs in criminal cases.

To Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

HB 2442 (By White), Relating to the creation of the Justice Reinvestment Incentive Program.

To Corrections.

HB 2443 (By White), Relating to persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities confined in county jail.

To County Affairs.

HB 2444 (By White), Relating to the creation of an advisory committee regarding the confinement in county jail of persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

To County Affairs.

HB 2445 (By White), Relating to veterans placed on community supervision or confined in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

To Corrections.

HB 2446 (By Canales), Relating to the reimbursement of expenses to certain counsel appointed to represent a defendant in a criminal proceeding.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 2447 (By Davis), Relating to the recall of a board member of and suits against a property owners' association.

To Business and Industry.

HB 2448 (By Canales), Relating to the verification of the incarceration of an accused person in a criminal case for the purpose of discharging a surety's liability on a bail bond.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 2449 (By Campos), Relating to the confiscation or misappropriation by a nursing facility of certain federal payments to a Medicaid recipient; increasing an administrative penalty.

To Human Services.

HB 2450 (By Vasut), Relating to antique outboard motors.
To Culture, Recreation, and Tourism.

HB 2451 (By Canales), Relating to the management, operation, and contract authority of open-enrollment charter schools.
To Public Education.

HB 2452 (By Campos), Relating to law enforcement policies prohibiting a peace officer from making a motor vehicle stop on the shoulder of certain highways.

To Homeland Security and Public Safety.

HB 2453 (By Krause), Relating to the issuance of Family First specialty license plates.

To Transportation.

HB 2454 (By Campos), Relating to mandatory family violence training for attorneys ad litem and guardians ad litem appointed in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship.

To Juvenile Justice and Family Issues.

HB 2455 (By Morales Shaw), Relating to the in-person delivery of an application for a ballot to be voted by mail.

To Elections.

HB 2456 (By Gervin-Hawkins), Relating to a right of first refusal applicable to the sale of housing developments that have received certain financial assistance administered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

To Urban Affairs.

HB 2457 (By Goodwin), Relating to the use of preferential voting in certain elections.

To Elections.

HB 2458 (By Canales), Relating to a distance learning program at The University of Texas at Austin School of Law.

To Higher Education.

HB 2459 (By Canales), Relating to the financial audit of certain open-enrollment charter schools by the state auditor.

To Public Education.

HB 2460 (By Goodwin), Relating to the use of preferential voting in certain elections.

To Elections.

HB 2461 (By Landgraf), Relating to pretrial procedures and criminal punishment for conduct that occurs during a riot; increasing criminal penalties.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 2462 (By Neave), Relating to a forensic medical examination occurring with respect to a sexual assault reported to a law enforcement agency.

To Homeland Security and Public Safety.

HB 2463 (By Neave), Relating to the tracking of evidence of sexual assault and other sex offenses.

To Homeland Security and Public Safety.

HB 2464 (By Neave), Relating to noncompliance with provisions regarding the collection, analysis, and preservation of evidence of sexual assault and other sex offenses.

To Homeland Security and Public Safety.

HB 2465 (By Gervin-Hawkins), Relating to requiring cultural inclusion curriculum as part of the enrichment curriculum for public schools.

To Public Education.

HB 2466 (By Gervin-Hawkins), Relating to the application for funding for certain workforce development programs.

To International Relations and Economic Development.

HB 2467 (By Price), Relating to the governing body and executive management team of the independent organization certified to manage the ERCOT power region.

To State Affairs.

HB 2468 (By E. Thompson), Relating to programs established and funded under the Texas emissions reduction plan.

To Environmental Regulation.

HB 2469 (By Campos), Relating to the establishment of a pilot project to provide supportive housing services through Medicaid to persons experiencing chronic homelessness.

To Human Services.

HB 2470 (By Rodriguez), Relating to the authority of the Public Utility Commission of Texas to ensure the independent organization certified for the ERCOT power region has adequate reserve power to prevent blackout conditions.

To State Affairs.

HB 2471 (By Slaton), Relating to the designation of a portion of Interstate Highway 35 in the city of Austin as the Steve Adler Public Restroom Highway.

To Transportation.

HB 2472 (By Thierry), Relating to the authority of the Public Utility Commission of Texas to ensure the independent organization certified for the ERCOT power region has adequate reserve power to prevent blackout conditions.

To State Affairs.

HB 2473 (By A. Johnson), Relating to the licensing and regulation of music therapists; requiring an occupational license; authorizing fees.

To Public Health.

HB 2474 (By Thierry), Relating to the retention of and the required disclosure under the public information law of certain complaints alleging official oppression.

To Urban Affairs.

HB 2475 (By White), Relating to county jailer training regarding interacting with a person with an intellectual or developmental disability.

To County Affairs.

HB 2476 (By Allison), Relating to the weather emergency preparedness of facilities for providing gas or electric service.

To State Affairs.

HB 2477 (By Thierry), Relating to substandard residential building fines issued by certain municipalities.

To Urban Affairs.

HB 2478 (By Harris and Cain), Relating to identification requirements for early voting by mail; providing a penalty.

To Elections.

HB 2479 (By Pacheco), Relating to persons who are authorized to conduct a marriage ceremony.

To Juvenile Justice and Family Issues.

HB 2480 (By Reynolds), Relating to the authority of the Public Utility Commission of Texas to ensure the independent organization certified for the ERCOT power region has adequate reserve power to prevent blackout conditions.

To State Affairs.

HB 2481 (By Reynolds), Relating to the winter weather emergency preparedness of gas pipeline facilities and facilities for providing electric service.

To State Affairs.

HB 2482 (By Reynolds), Relating to oil and gas operations; increasing fees.

To Energy Resources.

HB 2483 (By P. King), Relating to utility facilities for restoring service after widespread outage.

To State Affairs.

HB 2484 (By Herrero), Relating to automatic voter registration on issuance or change of a driver's license or identification card by the Department of Public Safety.

To Elections.

HB 2485 (By Herrero), Relating to the exemption of certain firefighters and police officers from jury service.

To Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

HB 2486 (By Slawson), Relating to the verification of citizenship of an applicant for voter registration.

To Elections.

HB 2487 (By Oliverson), Relating to the required disclosure by hospitals of prices for hospital services and items; providing administrative penalties.

To Public Health.

HB 2488 (By Goodwin), Relating to disclosure under the public information law of certain records of an appraisal district.

To Ways and Means.

HB 2489 (By Cook), Relating to a restriction on the authority of an appraisal district to increase the appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem tax purposes for a specified period after a tax year in which the appraised value of the property is lowered as a result of an agreement, protest, or appeal.

To Ways and Means.

HB 2490 (By Howard), Relating to the authority of certain minors to consent to Texas Home Visiting Program services.

To Public Health.

HB 2491 (By E. Morales), Relating to creating Texas A&M University–Eagle Pass as a component institution of The Texas A&M University System.

To Higher Education.

HB 2492 (By E. Morales), Relating to a grant program for public improvement projects for unincorporated communities in certain counties.

To County Affairs.

HB 2493 (By E. Morales), Relating to student loan repayment assistance for certain health care workers employed in rural counties.

To Higher Education.

HB 2494 (By Metcalf), Relating to the election of emergency services commissioners in certain emergency services districts.

To County Affairs.

HB 2495 (By Neave), Relating to an exception from requirements to assist or cooperate with federal immigration officers for matters regarding activities that occur at a domestic violence shelter.

To State Affairs.

HB 2496 (By Buckley), Relating to the issuance of specialty license plates for certain volunteer firefighters and fire protection personnel.

To Transportation.

HB 2497 (By Parker, Oliverson, and Metcalf), Relating to the establishment and duties of the Texas 1836 Project.

To State Affairs.

HB 2498 (By Campos), Relating to harassment using a temporary or disposable telephone number; creating a criminal offense.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 2499 (By Stucky), Relating to the wearing of a personal flotation device while being towed behind a motorboat; creating a criminal offense.

To Culture, Recreation, and Tourism.

HB 2500 (By Bailes), Relating to Internet posting of notice by governmental entities and representatives as an alternative to newspaper publication of notice. To State Affairs.

APPENDIX

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Favorable reports have been filed by committees as follows:

March 15

Elections - **HB 22, HB 478, HB 1128**

Licensing and Administrative Procedures - **HB 394, HB 636**