

HOUSE JOURNAL

EIGHTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE, THIRD CALLED SESSION

PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY (CONTINUED) — THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2021

The house met at 10:33 a.m. and was called to order by the speaker.

(Collier and Gervin-Hawkins now present)

The invocation was offered by Representative J. Turner as follows:

Lord, we thank you for this day and for the many blessings that you have given to us. We thank you for our nation, our state, and the institutions of our government. We thank you for our families and for the communities that sustain us in our daily lives. We thank you for all those in uniform who devote themselves to the protection of others. Lord, especially in this time when disease and loss have affected so many, we thank you for all who have made it their calling to care for the sick and we pray for those who are ill and for those who grieve.

Lord, we know that you have given us here in this building a special responsibility. Through our choices, we have the ability to help improve the lives of our fellow Texans, to relieve suffering, and to pursue justice. We ask that you grant us the wisdom to know how best to do so, the humility that we need to deliberate earnestly with one another, and when we are faced with what is right, the courage to act on it. Lord, we ask for your guidance, your protection, and your presence in this body this and every day. For we pray all these things in your holy name. Amen.

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

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED

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

Campos on motion of Davis.

Smith on motion of Patterson.

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

Deshotel on motion of Bowers.

Morales Shaw on motion of Neave.

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

Thierry on motion of S. Thompson.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the senate was received at this time (see the addendum to the daily journal, Messages from the Senate, Message No. 1).

**MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
OF THE STATE OF TEXAS**

The chair laid before the house and had read the following special message by the governor:

TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
EIGHTY-SEVENTH TEXAS LEGISLATURE, THIRD CALLED SESSION:

I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of the State of Texas, by the authority vested in me by Article III, Section 40, and Article IV, Section 8, of the Texas Constitution, do hereby present the following additional subjects to the 87th Texas Legislature, Third Called Session, for consideration:

Legislation providing additional property-tax relief for Texans.

Legislation proposing a constitutional amendment to further protect the safety of the community, law enforcement, and victims, from accused criminals who may be released on bail, including by giving magistrates the discretion to deny bail under some circumstances to people accused of certain violent, sexual, or trafficking offenses.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Greg Abbott
Governor

Austin, Texas
September 22, 2021

**HR 13 - ADOPTED
(by Cain)**

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 13, Granting permission for use of the house chamber by the Grand Lodge of Texas on October 2, 2021, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

HR 13 was adopted by (Record 2): 140 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Allen; Allison; Anchia; Anderson; Ashby; Bailes; Beckley; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Biedermann; Bonnen; Bowers; Buckley; Bucy; Burns; Burrows; Button; Cain; Canales; Capriglione; Cason; Clardy; Cole; Coleman; Collier; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Cyrier; Darby; Davis; Dean; Dominguez; Dutton; Fierro; Frank; Frullo; Gates; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; Goldman; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Hefner; Hernandez; Herrero; Hinojosa; Holland; Howard; Huberty; Hull; Hunter; Israel; Jetton; Johnson, A.; Johnson, J.E.; Kacal; King, K.; King, P.; King, T.; Klick; Krause; Kuempel; Lambert; Landgraf; Larson; Leach; Leman; Longoria; Lopez; Lozano; Lucio; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Middleton; Minjarez; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morrison; Muñoz; Murphy; Murr; Neave;

Noble; Oliverson; Ordaz Perez; Ortega; Paddie; Parker; Patterson; Paul; Perez; Price; Ramos; Raney; Raymond; Reynolds; Rodriguez; Rogers; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Sanford; Schaefer; Schofield; Shaheen; Sherman; Shine; Slaton; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Stephenson; Stucky; Swanson; Talarico; Thompson, E.; Thompson, S.; Tinderholt; Toth; Turner, C.; Turner, J.; VanDeaver; Vasut; Vo; Walle; White; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent, Excused — Campos; Deshotel; Morales Shaw; Smith; Thierry.

Absent — Crockett; Johnson, J.D.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Harless moved that the house adjourn until 2 p.m. Monday, September 27 in memory of Eleanor Roe of Austin.

The motion prevailed.

The house accordingly, at 10:53 a.m., adjourned until 2 p.m. Monday, September 27.

ADDENDUM

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

The following messages from the senate were today received by the house:

Message No. 1

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE
SENATE CHAMBER
Austin, Texas
Thursday, September 23, 2021

The Honorable Speaker of the House
House Chamber
Austin, Texas

Mr. Speaker:

I am directed by the senate to inform the house that the senate has taken the following action:

THE SENATE HAS PASSED THE FOLLOWING MEASURES:

SB 1 Bettencourt

Relating to a temporary reduction in the maximum compressed tax rate of a school district and the form of the ballot proposition to be used in an election to approve a tax rate adopted by a school district that exceeds the district's voter-approval tax rate; making an appropriation.

SB 3 Perry

Relating to requiring public school students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on biological sex.

SB 5

Lucio

Relating to the unlawful restraint of a dog; creating a criminal offense.

SJR 1

Huffman

Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring a judge or magistrate to impose the least restrictive conditions of bail that may be necessary and authorizing the denial of bail under some circumstances to a person accused of a violent or sexual offense or of continuous trafficking of persons.

Respectfully,

Patsy Spaw

Secretary of the Senate