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PROCEEDINGS

THIRTY-SEVENTH DAY (CONTINUED) — THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2007

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 121).

Present — Mr. Speaker; Allen; Alonzo; Anchia; Anderson; Aycock; Bailey; Berman; Bohac; Bolton; Bonnen; Branch; Brown, B.; Brown, F.; Burnam; Callegari; Castro; Chavez; Chisum; Christian; Cohen; Coleman; Cook, B.; Cook, R.; Corte; Crabb; Creighton; Crownover; Darby; Davis, J.; Davis, Y.; Delisi; Deshotel; Driver; Dukes; Dunnam; Dutton; Eiland; Eissler; Elkins; England; Escobar; Farabee; Farias; Farrar; Flores; Flynn; Frost; Gallego; Garcia; Gattis; Geren; Giddings; Gonzales; Gonzalez Toureilles; Goolsby; Guillen; Haggerty; Hamilton; Hancock; Hardcastle; Harless; Harper-Brown; Hartnett; Heflin; Hernandez; Herrero; Hilderbran; Hill; Hochberg; Hodge; Homer; Hopson; Howard, C.; Howard, D.; Hughes; Isett; Jackson; Jones; Keffer; King, P.; King, S.; King, T.; Kolkhorst; Krusee; Kuempel; Latham; Laubenberg; Leibowitz; Lucio; Macias; Madden; Mallory Caraway; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McCall; McClendon; McReynolds; Menendez; Merritt; Miles; Miller; Moreno; Morrison; Mowery; Murphy; Naishtat; Noriega; O'Day; Oliveira; Olivo; Orr; Ortiz; Otto; Parker; Patrick; Paxton; Peña; Phillips; Pickett; Pierson; Pitts; Puente; Quintanilla; Raymond; Riddle; Ritter; Rodriguez; Rose; Smith, W.; Smithee; Solomons; Strama; Straus; Swinford; Talton; Taylor; Thompson; Truitt; Turner; Van Arsdale; Vaught; Veasey; Villarreal; Vo; West; Woolley; Zedler; Zerwas.

Absent, Excused — Smith, T.

The invocation was offered by Reverend Carol Turner, senior pastor, First United Methodist Church, Lufkin, as follows:

Most Holy God, you are the author of life and community. Today we have been called out from our hometowns, away from our businesses and families, from our ordinary lives to be in the service of leadership for the State of Texas. We thank you for this privilege. Forgive our sins that separate us from you or one another. Renew us by your grace. Bestow upon us a spirit of cooperation. Give us vision, insight, and courage to achieve great things.

We ask you to bless our state with economic prosperity so that none within our borders would know want. Bless our schools, our students, and their teachers and leaders so that knowledge and training would help insure a bright future for our people. Bless our homes and communities to be places of mutual support and high moral character. Bless those who aid and protect us—our police, military, and first responders. Bless our churches, mosques, synagogues, and groups of

spiritual worship so that within this great state you would always receive our highest praise and commitment. It is in the name of my Lord Jesus I offer this prayer. Amen.

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

CAPITOL PHYSICIAN

The speaker recognized Representative Naishtat who presented Dr. Samuel Adkins of Austin as the "Doctor for the Day."

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

(Giddings in the chair)

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the senate were received at this time (see the addendum to the daily journal, Messages from the Senate, Message Nos. 1 and 2).

(Speaker in the chair)

HR 663 - ADOPTED

(by Anchia)

Representative Anchia moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 663**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 663, Recognizing Jose L. Castillo for his generous donation to the University of North Texas Archives.

HR 663 was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The speaker recognized Representative Anchia who introduced Jose L. Castillo and members of his family.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER

Notice was given at this time that the speaker had signed bills and resolutions in the presence of the house (see the addendum to the daily journal, Signed by the Speaker, House List No. 12).

HR 823 - ADOPTED

(by Harper-Brown)

Representative Harper-Brown moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 823**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 823, Congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Lopez of Irving on their 40th wedding anniversary.

HR 823 was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The speaker recognized Representative Kolkhorst who introduced a delegation from Austin County.

HR 770 - ADOPTED (by Murphy)

Representative Murphy moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 770**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 770, Honoring the contributions that individuals of Irish descent have made to the State of Texas.

HR 770 was adopted.

On motion of Representative Gonzales, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 770** as signers thereof.

HR 852 - ADOPTED (by Y. Davis)

Representative Y. Davis moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 852**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 852, Honoring Kelley Hopes for her work as a legislative intern in the office of State Representative Yvonne Davis.

HR 852 was read and was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST

The speaker recognized Representative Y. Davis who introduced Kelley Hopes.

HR 820 - ADOPTED (by Coleman)

Representative Hernandez moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 820**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 820, Welcoming participants in the National Wildlife Federation Earth Tomorrow program of Houston to the State Capitol.

HR 820 was adopted.

HR 771 - ADOPTED
(by Kuempel)

Representative Kuempel moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 771**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 771, In memory of Dr. Jon Howard Brecht of Seguin.

HR 771 was read and was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The speaker recognized Representative Kuempel who introduced family members of Dr. Jon Howard Brecht.

HR 244 - ADOPTED
(by Chisum)

Representative Chisum moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 244**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 244, Honoring State Representative Frank Corte, Jr., on his receipt of a Bronze Star Medal for his Marine Corps service in Iraq.

HR 244 was read and was adopted.

On motion of Representative Geren, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 244** as signers thereof.

BRONZE STAR MEDAL CEREMONY

The speaker recognized Representative Chisum who introduced Major General James Williams. Representative Corte and members of his family assembled on the speaker's dais.

Major General James Williams awarded Representative Corte with the Bronze Star Medal and briefly addressed the house.

The speaker had read the following citation:

ATTENTION TO ORDERS

For meritorious achievement in connection with combat operations involving conflict with an opposing force while serving as Detachment Commander, Detachment 4 and Officer in Charge of the Governance Support Team, 3rd Civil Affairs Group, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force Forward, from January 2006 to August 2006 in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. During this period Colonel Corte served with distinction and his accomplishments as advisor and mentor to the governor of the largest and most volatile province in Iraq were noteworthy.

His vigilant oversight and exhaustive participation in the Provincial Reconstruction Development Committee process was vital to the continuation of reconstruction projects valued at \$23 million, and the detailed planning and approval of 93 additional reconstruction projects valued at \$75 million. His efforts had a vital impact on the welfare of over a million people in Al Anbar. Colonel Corte's acumen for building capacity in governance and economics were notably evident as he led and mentored his Governance Team Leaders into a cohesive relationship with their director general of the various essential services and infrastructure. Even as murder and intimidation gripped the provincial government and placed deep fear into the populace, Colonel Corte continued steadfast to build capacity in governance.

Colonel Corte's indomitable spirit and infectious leadership was a strong source of encouragement and inspired the governor, the provincial council, and directors general of Al Anbar to continue in the fight for a free and democratic province. Colonel Corte's total effectiveness, forceful leadership, and loyal devotion to duty reflected great credit upon him and upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.

Signed this date January 18, 2007
by J. N. Mattis, Lieutenant General, Commander
U.S. Marines Central Command

LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

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

Gallego on motion of Hochberg.
(Speaker pro tempore in the chair)

HR 882 - ADOPTED (by Garcia)

Representative Garcia moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 882**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 882, Congratulating the Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi men's basketball team on winning the 2007 Southland Conference Tournament and a berth in the NCAA Championship.

HR 882 was adopted.

HCR 8 - ADOPTED (by Madden)

Representative Madden moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HCR 8**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HCR 8, Concurrent resolution providing for the operation and funding of the Joint Select Committee on the Operation and Management of the Texas Youth Commission.

HCR 8 was adopted.

(McClendon in the chair)

CONGRATULATORY AND MEMORIAL CALENDAR

The following congratulatory resolutions were laid before the house:

HCR 122 (by Dutton), Honoring Charles "Tex" Harrison of the Harlem Globetrotters.

HCR 127 (by Zerwas), Designating September 2007 as Leukemia and Lymphoma Awareness Month.

HCR 133 was previously adopted.

HR 537 (by Castro), Commending Larry Patin of San Antonio for his notable service in behalf of others.

HR 542 (by Goolsby), Congratulating Senior Corporal Roger Rudloff of the Dallas Police Department for winning the Dallas Police Association 2006 Cop's Cop Award.

HR 545 (by Laubenberg), Commending Dr. John Dale Coble for his professional achievements and community service.

HR 546 was withdrawn.

HR 547 (by Parker), Recognizing Parker Square on the occasion of its designation as the 2007 Business of the Year by the Flower Mound Chamber of Commerce.

HR 549 (by Flynn), Honoring Charles and Dorothy Boettcher of Greenville on their 50th wedding anniversary.

HR 568 (by Castro), Honoring Martin Contreras of San Antonio on his receipt of the Bronze Star Medal for his service as a special forces medic in Afghanistan.

HR 569 was previously adopted.

HR 570 (by Hancock), Honoring Bonnie Creel on receiving a Tarrant County College Chancellor's Award for Exemplary Teaching.

HR 572 (by Miles), Honoring Riva Kremer of Houston on her 100th birthday.

HR 574 (by Miller), Honoring Robert Cliff Price of Gatesville on his retirement as Coryell County Commissioner, Precinct 2.

HR 576 (by Morrison), Honoring First United Methodist Church of Edna on its 125th anniversary.

HR 579 (by Giddings), Congratulating the photojournalism team of the Dallas Morning News on winning the 2006 Pulitzer Prize for breaking news photography.

HR 580 (by Gonzalez Toureilles), Honoring Chief Nolan Jonas on his retirement from the Karnes City Police Department.

HR 585 (by Dutton), Congratulating Millie Johnson Washington of Houston on her 80th birthday.

HR 586 (by Branch), Recognizing the 40th anniversary of El Centro College in Dallas.

HR 587 (by Kolkhorst), Honoring Mayor Philip Brooks Harrison of Bellville for his exemplary public service.

HR 590 (by Gallego), Honoring Mayor Okey Lucas and Patsy Lucas of Van Horn on their 50th wedding anniversary.

HR 596 (by Peña), Welcoming the Rio Grande Valley Builders Association, Inc., to the State Capitol.

HR 597 (by Anchia), Honoring Officer Steve Fuentes for his service to the Dallas Police Department.

HR 599 (by Dutton), Congratulating Elmira Cornett of Houston on her 86th birthday and commending her for her community service.

HR 601 was previously adopted.

HR 608 (by Harper-Brown), Recognizing March 20, 2007, as City of Irving Day at the State Capitol.

HR 610 (by McReynolds), Honoring the Texas Forestry Association for their exemplary reforestation efforts and advocacy.

HR 612 (by Krusee), Honoring the Round Rock Volunteer Fire Department for its many years of service to its community.

HR 615 was withdrawn.

HR 617 was previously adopted.

HR 618 (by Woolley), Congratulating Don and Lois Van Wart of Houston on their 50th wedding anniversary.

HR 620 (by Aycock), Honoring the 24th annual Burnet Bluebonnet Festival being held from April 13 through April 15, 2007.

HR 622 (by Branch), Congratulating Randy Allen of the Highland Park Independent School District on his receipt of the Bayard H. Friedman Hummer Hero Award as the "Outstanding School Coach in Texas."

HR 623 (by Aycock), Commending Sergeant Troy Galvan for his exemplary act of heroism.

HR 624 (by Aycock, et al.), Commending Major John Oh for his exemplary actions in the midst of a critical medical event.

HR 625 (by Aycock, et al.), Commending Lieutenant Colonel William Brock for his significant contribution to the life-saving surgery of a wounded soldier.

HR 626 (by Harper-Brown), Honoring Officer Vance Flowers on his retirement from the Irving Police Department.

HR 627 (by Bohac), Honoring James Peter Glenister of Houston on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

HR 630 (by Craddick), Honoring Jack Swallow of Midland for his years of service as president and CEO of the Permian Basin Area Foundation.

HR 631 (by Flynn), Congratulating Herman and Dorothea Bennett of Commerce on their 65th wedding anniversary.

HR 632 (by Flynn), Congratulating Leon and Mackie Shippy of Quinlan on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

HR 633 (by Flynn), Celebrating the 10th anniversary of the East Texas Baptist Campmeeting.

HR 634 (by Anchia), Honoring Kevin Ellis for his service to the Dallas Police Department.

HR 641 (by McCall), Honoring Kyle Freas of Plano on being named a 2007 state honoree in the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

HR 642 (by McCall), Honoring Deanna Mei of Plano on being named a distinguished finalist in the 2007 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

HR 645 (by Hardcastle), Commemorating the 124th Doans May Day Picnic on May 5, 2007.

HR 646 (by Hodge), Congratulating Fredrick and Felicia Lynch of Dallas on the birth of Faith Ashlee Lynch.

HR 648 (by Gonzalez Toureilles), Honoring U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Juan M. Salinas of Alice for his service to his country.

HR 650 (by P. King), Honoring the East Parker County Chamber of Commerce on the 10th anniversary of its founding.

HR 651 (by Bolton), Congratulating Bee Cave Mayor Caroline Murphy for being named Citizen of the Year by the Lake Travis Chamber of Commerce.

HR 652 (by Rodriguez), Honoring Teatro Vivo of Austin.

HR 653 (by Naishtat), Congratulating Assistance League[®] Austin on its 30th anniversary.

HR 654 (by Naishtat), Recognizing March 27, 2007, as Social Work Day at the State Capitol.

HR 658 was previously adopted.

HR 659 was previously adopted.

HR 660 was previously adopted.

HR 661 was previously adopted.

HR 663 was previously adopted.

HR 665 (by Chavez), Recognizing March 31 to April 23, 2007, as Cesar Chavez Farmworker Appreciation Month.

HR 668 was previously adopted.

HR 670 (by Chavez), Honoring the work of Centro de Salud Familiar La Fe of El Paso County.

HR 672 (by Chisum), Honoring former Hansford County Sheriff R. L. McFarlin, recipient of the 2004 Texas Peacemaker Award from the Sheriffs' Association of Texas.

HR 673 (by Crownover), Commending Tom Davenport on his service as superintendent of the Lake Dallas Independent School District.

The resolutions were adopted.

The following memorial resolutions were laid before the house:

HCR 98 (by Noriega), In memory of James DeAnda of Houston, retired chief judge of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas.

HCR 131 (by Frost), In memory of John H. "Wimpy" McCoy, former longtime mayor of New Boston.

HR 294 (by Dutton), In memory of Anthony Gordon of Houston.

HR 535 was previously adopted.

HR 540 (by Anderson), In memory of Bill Lewallen of McGregor.

HR 541 (by Martinez Fischer), In memory of Victoria Vasquez Alderete of San Antonio.

HR 544 (by Krusee), In memory of S. Thomas McDaniel of Georgetown.

HR 566 (by Veasey), In memory of Frank Wallace of Fort Worth.

HR 573 (by Miles), In memory of Christopher Aaron Pichon II of Houston.

HR 577 (by Hopson), In memory of Crawford Duane Parker III of Carthage.

HR 583 (by Woolley), In memory of E. Deane Kanaly of Houston.

HR 584 (by Woolley), In memory of Vera H. Carhart of Houston.

HR 588 (by Gallego), In memory of Tiburcio "Butch" Acosta of Marfa.

HR 589 (by Gallego), In memory of Bobbie Ellen McDaniel of Alpine.

HR 638 was previously adopted.

HR 643 (by R. Cook), In memory of Clint James Luksa of Caldwell.

HR 664 (by Anchia), In memory of Jim S. Sale of Dallas.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

MOTIONS TO ADD NAMES

On motion of Representative Hochberg, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 588 - HR 590** as signers thereof.

On motion of Representative Noriega, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HCR 98** as signers thereof.

(Speaker pro tempore in the chair)

**LOCAL, CONSENT, AND RESOLUTIONS CALENDAR
SECOND READING**

The following bills were laid before the house, read second time, and passed to third reading, and the following resolutions were laid before the house on committee report and adopted (members registering votes are shown following the caption):

HB 35 (by Solomons, et al.), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to a prohibition on linking the compensation of the chief appraiser of an appraisal district to an increase in the total value of property in the district.

CSHB 117 (by F. Brown), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the authority of certain counties to regulate certain subdivision planning. (Callegari recorded voting no.)

HB 194 (by Gonzalez Toureilles), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the dismissal of a charge for failure to carry and exhibit a driver's license.

HB 208 (by Flores), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the eligibility of students enrolled in joint credit or concurrent enrollment programs for extracurricular activities and University Interscholastic League competitions.

HB 290 (by Naishtat), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the fee charged for depositing a will during a testator's life.

HB 368 (by Hartnett), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to disposition of surplus computer equipment and the grant of money by the Office of Court Administration.

HB 369 was withdrawn.

CSHB 417 (by Hartnett), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to guardianship matters and proceedings.

CSHB 484 (by Veasey), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the designation of a portion of United States Highway 287 as the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Freeway.

HB 486 (by Driver), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the continuing education requirements for chiefs of police.

HB 487 (by Driver), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the continuing education requirements for constables.

CSHB 564 (by Hartnett), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the administration and operation of certain trusts and other property interests held for the benefit of another.

HB 622 (by Hardcastle), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the application of the professional prosecutors law to the district attorney for the 46th Judicial District.

HB 632 (by P. King), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the appointment of bailiffs for the 415th District Court.

CSHB 679 (by Swinford), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the validation of governmental acts and proceedings of the Downtown Midland Management District.

HB 680 (by Swinford), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the sale of certain small municipal parks.

HB 708 (by Puente), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to Celebrate Freedom Week in public schools.

HB 923 (by Truitt), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the persons to whom an assessor for a taxing unit is required to mail an ad valorem tax bill.

HB 930 was deferred until the end of today's Local, Consent, and Resolutions Calendar.

HB 978 (by W. Smith), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to publication of the annual financial statement by a school district.

HB 989 (by Zerwas), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the filing for record of a plat or replat of a subdivision of real property.

HB 1009 (by Escobar), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the use of state hotel occupancy tax revenue to clean and maintain beaches in certain municipalities.

HB 1092 (by Hilderbran), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the prosecution of the offense of criminal trespass.

HB 1138 (by Leibowitz), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the authority of the General Land Office to accept grants.

HB 1141 (by D. Howard), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the confidentiality of certain home address information in local tax appraisal records regarding an employee of a prosecutor's office or of certain offices with jurisdiction over child protective services matters.

HB 1204 (by Giddings), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to donations of juror reimbursements.

HB 1221 (by Zerwas), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the manner of recording documents filed with a county clerk.

HB 1382 (by McCall), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to authorizing the sale of certain real property held by the Department of Public Safety.

HB 930 (by Chavez), A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the powers of an associate judge under the Family Code.

Amendment No. 1 (Committee Amendment No. 1)

Representatives Chavez and Hartnett offered the following committee amendment to **HB 930**:

Amend **HB 930** as follows:

On Page 2, strike lines 6 and 7 and insert"

(D) a final order in a case in which a party files an unrevoked waiver made in accordance with Rule 119, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, that waives notice to the party of the final hearing or waives the party's appearance at the final hearing; and

On Page 2, after line 13 insert:

(d) An answer filed on or behalf of a party who previously filed a waiver described in Subsection (a) (14) (D) shall revoke that waiver.

Amendment No. 1 was adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

The chair announced that the house would stand adjourned until 12:05 p.m. today.

The house accordingly, at 11:58 a.m., adjourned until 12:05 p.m. today.

ADDENDUM

SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER

The following bills and resolutions were today signed in the presence of the house by the speaker:

House List No. 12

HCR 2, HCR 39, HCR 73

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, March 15, 2007

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:

HB 542 Bonnen SPONSOR: Janek
Relating to the name of the Brazos River Harbor Navigation District of Brazoria County and the name of its governing body.

HCR 133 Craddick SPONSOR: Seliger
Commending Larry Carroll of Midland on his 30 years of service with Permian Basin Community Centers for Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

HCR 147 Craddick SPONSOR: Seliger
Congratulating Beverly Marie Pevehouse of Midland on her receipt of the Hope Award from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

SB 210 Ellis
Relating to compensation to persons wrongfully imprisoned.

SB 277 Shapiro
Relating to the use in an advertisement of a name or picture of a member of the United States armed forces or the state military forces; providing a criminal penalty.

SB 299 Van de Putte
Relating to the continuation of a residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation while the owner is temporarily absent because of military service.

SB 310 Van de Putte
Relating to the Texas Veterans Commission's authority to make performance incentive awards for providing services to veterans.

SB 458 Watson
Relating to workers' compensation medical benefits for certain prosthetic or orthotic devices.

SB 673 Zaffirini
Relating to allowing a student receiving special education services to participate in a graduation ceremony after the fourth year of high school.

SB 1921 Harris
Relating to the powers, duties, and composition of the governing board of the Texas Youth Commission.

Respectfully,
Patsy Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

Message No. 2

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE
SENATE CHAMBER
Austin, Texas
Thursday, March 15, 2007 - 2

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:

LOCAL AND UNCONTESTED CALENDAR

- SB 27** Nelson
Relating to a pilot program to educate residents and families of residents of nursing homes and intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded about advance care planning.
- SB 28** Nelson
Relating to transferable physician orders for life-sustaining and related treatment.
- SB 30** Nelson
Relating to the eligibility of certain aliens for a license to practice medicine in this state.
- SB 33** Nelson
Relating to hepatitis B vaccination for students enrolled in certain health-related courses of study in an institution of higher education.
- SB 36** Nelson
Relating to the examination of certain applicants for a license to practice medicine.
- SB 57** Zaffirini
Relating to the priority given to the hearing by trial courts of certain ad valorem tax matters.
- SB 61** Zaffirini
Relating to the performance of the functions of the governing body of a political subdivision in the event of a disaster.
- SB 63** Zaffirini
Relating to the powers of the commissioners court of certain counties that have no incorporated municipality.
- SB 66** Zaffirini
Relating to the construction of cattle guards on county roads.
- SB 138** Nelson
Relating to promoting the retention and graduation of students enrolled in professional nursing programs.
- SB 139** Nelson

Relating to a study on improving the curricula of professional and vocational nursing education programs.

SB 140 Nelson

Relating to a study of the feasibility of providing immunizations to certain students enrolled in health professional degree programs.

SB 153 Wentworth

Relating to the creation of an offense involving the supervision of a vehicle operator holding an instruction permit.

SB 159 Wentworth

Relating to a local public defender's office that represents indigent defendants in criminal cases.

SB 164 Deuell

Relating to priority for health care providers in the distribution of certain vaccines.

SB 168 Ellis

Relating to the State Bar of Texas fee to provide legal services to the indigent.

SB 175 Wentworth

Relating to the calculation of certain deadlines under the public information law.

SB 178 Wentworth

Relating to working papers and electronic communications of State Office of Administrative Hearings administrative law judges.

SB 180 Carona

Relating to issuance and renewal of a driver's license of an elderly person.

SB 189 Brimer

Relating to the amount of sick leave for police officers employed by certain municipalities.

SB 190 Brimer

Relating to sales and use tax information provided by the comptroller of public accounts to certain municipalities.

SB 192 Brimer

Relating to the Texas Mutual Insurance Company and the application of certain statutes to the Texas Mutual Insurance Company.

SB 198 Nelson

Relating to the recognition of hospitals with outstanding nursing programs and a listing of hospital nursing staff information.

SB 204 Nelson

Relating to certain electronic medical records systems.

SB 205 Nelson

Relating to the privacy of protected health information.

SB 220 Lucio

Relating to the use of electronic communication by a conservator of a child to facilitate communication with the child.

SB 225 Ellis

Relating to privacy of wireless telecommunications customer information; providing a civil penalty.

SB 228 Harris

Relating to suits affecting the parent-child relationship, including proceedings for the establishment, modification, and enforcement of child support; providing a civil penalty.

SB 229 Harris

Relating to the seal of a district court used on process issued by the court.

SB 235 Harris

Relating to the composition of a county bail bond board.

SB 237 Shapiro

Relating to the supreme court's adoption of rules on the electronic filing of documents in civil cases in justice of the peace courts.

SB 254 Ellis

Relating to the sale of live animals in certain counties on a public highway or road, the right-of-way of a public highway or road, or a parking lot.

SB 261 Zaffirini

Relating to the detention and transportation of a person with a mental illness.

SB 267 Duncan

Relating to the grounds and procedures for removal of a member of the board of directors of the Lynn County Hospital District.

SB 271 Wentworth

Relating to the qualifications to serve as an associate judge in certain family law proceedings.

SB 272 Estes

Relating to the appointment of bailiffs for the 97th Judicial District.

SB 282 Gallegos

Relating to notice regarding the availability of programs under which a student may earn college credit in public schools.

SB 295 Williams

Relating to the administration of polygraph examinations to certain officers and employees of the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas.

SB 324 Deuell

Relating to contingent payment clauses in certain construction contracts.

SB 325 Williams

Relating to the creation of an appellate judicial system for the Ninth Court of Appeals District.

SB 327 Carona

Relating to cargo transported by vehicle; providing a criminal penalty.

SB 328 Carona

Relating to the requirement that the results of an alcohol and drug test taken by certain holders of a commercial driver's license be reported to the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas.

SB 329

Carona

Relating to an object or material placed on or attached to a window of a commercial motor vehicle.

SB 333

Carona

Relating to driving a commercial motor vehicle in violation of an out-of-service order; providing a criminal penalty.

SB 336

Brimer

Relating to the notice required for the lease of real property by certain counties when responding to particular emergency circumstances.

SB 343

Carona

Relating to the oath taken by witnesses appearing before a grand jury.

SB 355

Wentworth

Relating to the duty of the judge of the 147th District Court to impanel grand juries and to the terms of court for certain district courts in Travis County.

SB 364

Nelson

Relating to the licensing and regulation of dentists, dental hygienists, dental assistants, and dental laboratories; providing penalties.

SB 369

Williams

Relating to an offense involving a motor vehicle with an altered or obscured license plate.

SB 456

Watson

Relating to the applicability of the requirement that certain communications delivered to a property owner on behalf of a taxing unit notify the owner of any entitlement to postpone payment of the ad valorem taxes on the property.

SB 580

Hegar

Relating to the manner of recording documents filed with a county clerk.

SCR 1

Nelson

Encouraging the National Health Services Corps Ambassador Program to coordinate with the Primary Care Office at the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Respectfully,

Patsy Spaw

Secretary of the Senate

