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## PROCEEDINGS

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FORTY-EIGHTH DAY — MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2007

The house met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the speaker.

The roll of the house was called and a quorum was announced present (Record 256).

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

Absent, Excused — Brown, F.; Garcia.

Absent — Deshotel; England; Hartnett; Hilderbran; Hill; King, S.; McCall; Moreno; Mowery; Noriega; Oliveira; Vo.

The invocation was offered by Don Benton, retired pastor, Lovers Lane United Methodist Church, Dallas, as follows:

Heavenly Father, God of us all, who loves each of us as if you had no other to love yet who loves each of us the same; we bow humbly before you to seek your blessing on each of us and on all of us together. We pray especially for these who have been elected and entrusted with the responsibility of doing what is best for all of the citizens of this great state. Give to each of them wisdom to decide what is best and the courage to stand for what your spirit encourages them to believe is right and to do it. May they see clearly how what they vote for today can seriously impact generations of children who will come after them. Then, at the end of the day, may they feel they have acted with integrity and have been worthy of the trust invested in them. For your glory we offer our prayers. Amen.

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

### **CAPITOL PHYSICIAN**

The speaker recognized Representative J. Davis who presented Dr. Syed Azhar of Houston as the "Doctor for the Day."

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

### **LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED**

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

Garcia on motion of Raymond.

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

F. Brown on motion of B. Brown.

(Deshotel, England, and Mowery now present)

### **HR 961 - ADOPTED (by Kuempel)**

Representative Kuempel moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 961**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 961**, Honoring Dr. Jon N. Moline on his retirement as president of Texas Lutheran University.

**HR 961** was read and was adopted.

### **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

The speaker recognized Representative Kuempel who introduced Dr. Jon N. Moline and his wife Sandra.

### **HR 1286 - ADOPTED (by Anderson)**

Representative Anderson moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 1286**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 1286**, Celebrating the induction of Andrew Lewis Cooper of Waco into the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

**HR 1286** was adopted.

**HCR 23 - ADOPTED**

(by Gallego, Dunnam, Naishtat, Coleman, Thompson, et al.)

Representative Gallego moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HCR 26**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HCR 23**, In memory of the Honorable Ann Richards, 45th governor of Texas.

**HCR 23** was read and was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

On motion of Representative McClendon, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HCR 23** as signers thereof.

(Hill now present)

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

The speaker recognized Representative Gallego who introduced family members of the Honorable Ann Richards.

(Hartnett, Hilderbran, S. King, McCall, Noriega, Oliveira, and Vo now present)

**HB 1189 - MOTION TO ADOPT  
COMMITTEE ON CALENDARS RULE**

Pursuant to House Rule 3, Section 5(2), and House Rule 6, Section 16(f), Representative Woolley moved to adopt the following rule proposed by the Committee on Calendars governing floor consideration of **HB 1189**:

All original amendments that will be offered during second reading consideration of **HB 1189** (or **SB 482**, if the speaker, not later than the time of adoption of the calendar rule by the house, indicates that the house will consider **SB 482**, in place of **HB 1189**) must be filed with the chief clerk by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 3, 2007.

The motion to adopt the Committee on Calendars rule was withdrawn.

**POSTPONED BUSINESS**

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

**HB 551 ON SECOND READING  
(by Turner, Bonnen, Giddings, Bohac, Homer, et al.)**

**HB 551**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the system benefit fund and to eligibility for and enrollment for benefits provided under the system benefit fund programs.

**HB 551** was read second time on March 26 and was postponed until 10 a.m. today.

**HB 551 - POINT OF ORDER**

Representative Talton raised a point of order against further consideration of **HB 551** under Rule 8, Section 21 of the House Rules on the grounds that the general appropriations bill has not yet been certified by the comptroller.

The point of order was withdrawn.

Representative Turner moved to postpone consideration of **HB 551** until the end of today's calendar.

The motion prevailed.

**SB 495 ON SECOND READING  
(Straus - House Sponsor)**

**SB 495**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to allowing a municipal electric utility to enter into hedging contracts for certain commodities.

**SB 495** was considered in lieu of **HB 1217**.

**SB 495** was read second time and was passed to third reading. (In accordance with House Rule 5, Section 51(b), every member present must have favored passage of the measure, but any member may register their position with the journal clerk. Members registering votes are as follows: Burnam recorded voting no.)

**HB 1217 - LAID ON THE TABLE SUBJECT TO CALL**

Representative Straus moved to lay **HB 1217** on the table subject to call.

The motion prevailed.

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS CALENDAR  
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS  
SECOND READING**

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

**HJR 69 ON SECOND READING  
(by Heflin)**

**HJR 69**, A joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment to abolish the constitutional authority for the office of inspector of hides and animals.

(Gattis in the chair)

A record vote was requested.

**HJR 69** was adopted by (Record 257): 145 Yeas, 0 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Allen; Alonzo; Anchia; Anderson; Aycock; Bailey; Berman; Bohac; Bolton; Bonnen; Branch; Brown, B.; 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; 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; 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, T.; Smith, W.; Smithee; Solomons; Strama; Straus; Swinford; Talton; Taylor; Thompson; Truitt; Turner; Van Arsdale; Vaught; Veasey; Villarreal; Vo; West; Woolley; Zedler; Zerwas.

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

Absent, Excused — Brown, F.; Garcia.

Absent — Moreno.

**GENERAL STATE CALENDAR  
HOUSE BILLS  
SECOND READING**

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

**CSHB 1342 ON SECOND READING  
(by Oliveira, et al.)**

**CSHB 1342**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the creation of an additional judicial district in Cameron County.

**CSHB 1342** was passed to engrossment. (In accordance with House Rule 5, Section 51(b), every member present must have favored passage of the measure, but any member may register their position with the journal clerk. No members registered their position on this measure.)

**HB 1343 ON SECOND READING  
(by Oliveira, et al.)**

**HB 1343**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the creation of an additional judicial district in Cameron County.

**Amendment No. 1**

Representative Oliveira offered the following amendment to **HB 1343**:

Amend **HB 1343** as follows:

(1) On page 1, line 5, between the period and "Subchapter" insert "Effective September 1, 2011,".

(2) On page 1, strike lines 11 and 12, substitute the following appropriately numbered SECTION, and renumber subsequent SECTIONS accordingly:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Notwithstanding Section 24.589, Government Code, as added by this Act, the 445th Judicial District is created September 1, 2011, only if the commissioners court of Cameron County enters an order in its minutes before that date authorizing the court to be created on that date.

Amendment No. 1 was adopted.

**Amendment No. 2**

Representative Oliveira offered the following amendment to **HB 1343**:

Amend **HB 1343** on page 1, line 13, by striking "2007" and substituting "2011".

Amendment No. 2 was adopted.

**HB 1343**, as amended, was passed to engrossment. (In accordance with House Rule 5, Section 51(b), every member present must have favored passage of the measure, but any member may register their position with the journal clerk. No members registered their position on this measure.)

**HB 1631 ON SECOND READING**  
(by Heflin)

**HB 1631**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to abolishing the office of inspector of hides and animals.

**HB 1631** was passed to engrossment. (In accordance with House Rule 5, Section 51(b), every member present must have favored passage of the measure, but any member may register their position with the journal clerk. No members registered their position on this measure.)

**HB 369 ON SECOND READING**  
(by Hardcastle)

**HB 369**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the appointment of bailiffs for the 97th Judicial District.

Representative Hardcastle moved to lay **HB 369** on the table subject to call.

The motion prevailed.

**HB 1554 ON SECOND READING**  
(by Chavez)

**HB 1554**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the creation of an additional judicial district in El Paso County.

**HB 1554** was passed to engrossment. (In accordance with House Rule 5, Section 51(b), every member present must have favored passage of the measure, but any member may register their position with the journal clerk. No members registered their position on this measure.)

**HOUSE AT EASE**

At 3:33 p.m., the chair announced that the house would stand at ease.

(Moreno now present)

The speaker called the house to order at 4:22 p.m.

**POSTPONED BUSINESS**

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

**HB 551 ON SECOND READING**  
**(by Turner, Bonnen, Giddings, Bohac, Homer, et al.)**

**HB 551**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the system benefit fund and to eligibility for and enrollment for benefits provided under the system benefit fund programs.

**HB 551** was read second time on March 26, was postponed until 10 a.m. today, and was again postponed until the end of today's calendar.

**HB 551 - POINT OF ORDER**

Representative Talton raised a point of order against further consideration of **HB 551** under Rule 8, Section 21(a) of the House Rules on the grounds that the general appropriations bill has not yet been certified by the comptroller.

The speaker sustained the point of order, and submitted the following statement:

Representative Talton raises a point of order against further consideration of **HB 551** (by Representative Turner) on the grounds that the bill violates Rule 8, Section 21(a), House Rules. The chair finds that **HB 551** is captured by Rule 8, Section 21(a) and thereby sustains the point of order.

This is not a new rule or restriction of legislative consideration of bills affecting the appropriations bill. While the chair could find no prior ruling regarding Rule 8, Section 21(a), it is clear that the rule has existed in some form since 1963 (then as a joint house and senate rule). In explaining the purpose of the rule, Joint Rule 9-a from the 58th Legislature (1963) stated:

This rule is intended to assure prior consideration and passage of the biennial appropriation bills required for the support of the several departments of the state government and shall be strictly adhered to, and no appropriation bill for any other purpose shall be considered until the biennial appropriations bills. . . have been passed by both houses.

An explanatory note from the 1983 House Rules indicates that this rule was strictly construed by speakers to "bar consideration of bills which appropriated, re-appropriated, or transferred funds until after the general appropriation bill has been passed. . ." This history indicates that rule was designed to prevent premature consideration of bills that would "directly or indirectly" divert state money to a particular purpose that would otherwise be available to fund state government generally.

The chair notes that the intent of the rule is not to presumptively delay the consideration of every bill simply because it has a fiscal note. In fact, much of that legislation will eventually be funded in the appropriations bill should the legislature choose to do so. Rather, the rule is intended to impact only the narrow class of bills that could preempt the appropriations bill by moving funds outside of the treasury (as is the case with **HB 551**) or by making a specific or dedicated appropriation in a bill other than in a supplemental or general appropriations bill. This, in effect, is why the rule prohibits consideration of those bills "during the first 118 days of the session."

**HB 551** takes money out of general revenue that has been used, at least in part, to fund state government generally and diverts it to a trust fund outside of the state treasury. As the author of the bill has indicated, the purpose of the bill is to prevent money generated by the system benefit fund from being "swept" into general revenue or used for any other government purpose. (The chair notes that such an act has the additional effect of taking funds away from certification of the general appropriations bill). The purpose that **HB 551** seeks to achieve is exactly what the rule is intended to prevent.

Like its 1963 and 1983 predecessors, Rule 8, Section 21(a) is a harsh rule. Regretfully, the chair can find no exception under Rule 8, Section 21(a) that would give relief to **HB 551**. The result of the rule is that a bill that violates Rule 8, Section 21(a) and that is not otherwise exempt from the rule would be in order no earlier than May 7, 2007. Because of the harshness of the rule and in order to ensure that each bill receives due consideration by the house, the chair believes that each bill that is the subject of a point of order under Rule 8, Section 21(a) must be substantively analyzed by the terms of its own language. Accordingly, the point of order is well-taken and sustained.

**HB 551** was returned to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

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

Pursuant to House Rule 4, Section 9, Representative McClendon requested permission for all committees and subcommittees to meet while the house is in session, during bill referral today, pursuant to their committee postings.

Permission to meet was granted.

#### **PROVIDING FOR A CONGRATULATORY AND MEMORIAL CALENDAR**

Representative McClendon moved to set a congratulatory and memorial calendar for 9 a.m. Thursday, April 5.

The motion prevailed.

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

Representative Goolsby moved to suspend the five day posting rule to allow the Committee on House Administration to consider **HCR 70**, **HCR 92**, **HCR 111**, **HB 3565**, and **HR 578** at 8 a.m. Wednesday, April 4 in E2.010.

The motion prevailed.

#### **COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

The following committee meeting was announced:

Energy Resources will reconvene 30 minutes after adjournment.

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

Representative Keffer moved to suspend the five day posting rule to allow the Committee on Ways and Means to consider **HJR 13**.

The motion prevailed.



Representative Keffer moved to suspend the five day posting rule to allow the Committee on Ways and Means to consider **HB 2786** at 1 p.m. or upon adjournment Wednesday, April 4 in E2.010.

The motion prevailed.

#### **COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

The following committee meeting was announced:

Local and Consent Calendars, upon adjournment today, at the posted location, to set a calendar.

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

Representative Menendez moved to suspend the five day posting rule to allow the Committee on Urban Affairs, Subcommittee on Housing, to consider **HB 2063** and **HB 3087** at 8 a.m. Thursday, April 5 in E2.012.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Rose moved to suspend the five day posting rule to allow the Committee on Human Services to consider **SB 291** and **SB 318** at 10:30 a.m. or upon adjournment Thursday, April 5 in E2.026.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Swinford moved to suspend the five day posting rule to allow the Committee on State Affairs to consider **HB 21** at 2 p.m. or upon adjournment today in E2.010.

The motion prevailed.

#### **COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

The following committee meeting was announced:

Pensions and Investments, upon adjournment today, Desk 6, for a formal meeting, to consider pending business.

#### **PROVIDING FOR ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Homer moved that, at the conclusion of the reading of bills and resolutions on first reading and referral to committees, the house adjourn until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

The motion prevailed.

#### **BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING AND REFERRAL TO COMMITTEES RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES CORRECTIONS IN REFERRAL**

Bills and joint resolutions were at this time laid before the house, read first time, and referred to committees. Resolutions were at this time laid before the house and referred to committees. Pursuant to Rule 1, Section 4 of the House Rules, the chair at this time corrected the referral of measures to committees. (See the addendum to the daily journal, Referred to Committees, List No. 1.)

(Keffer in the chair)

### ADJOURNMENT

In accordance with a previous motion, the house, at 4:54 p.m., adjourned until 10 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

**HB 4031** (By Bonnen), Relating to the creation of the Brazoria County Municipal Utility District No. 62; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds; granting the power of eminent domain.

To Natural Resources.

**HB 4032** (By R. Cook), Relating to the creation of the Colorado County Groundwater Conservation District; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds.

To Natural Resources.

**HB 4033** (By Laubenberg), Relating to the creation of the Ledbetter Utility District No. 1 of Kaufman and Rockwall Counties; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds; granting the power of eminent domain.

To Natural Resources.

**HB 4034** (By Laubenberg), Relating to the creation of the Ledbetter Utility District No. 2 of Kaufman and Rockwall Counties; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds; granting the power of eminent domain.

To Natural Resources.

**HB 4035** (By Swinford), Relating to the authority of the board of directors of the Moore County Hospital District to employ health care providers.

To County Affairs.

**HB 4036** (By Bonnen), Relating to the powers and duties of the Sweeny Hospital District.

To County Affairs.

**HB 4037** (By Raymond), Relating to the terms of court for the 49th District Court.

To Judiciary.

**HB 4038** (By C. Howard), Relating to the powers and duties of the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 473; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds.

To Natural Resources.

**HB 4039** (By Anderson), Relating to the appointment of magistrates in McLennan County.

To Judiciary.

**HB 4040** (By Anderson), Relating to the composition of the McLennan County Juvenile Board.

To Juvenile Justice and Family Issues.

**HB 4041** (By Rose), Relating to the powers and duties of the Sunfield Municipal Utility District No. 3 regarding elections and road projects; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds.

To Natural Resources.

**HB 4042** (By Rose), Relating to the powers and duties of the Sunfield Municipal Utility District No. 4 regarding elections and road projects; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds.

To Natural Resources.

**HB 4043** (By Rose), Relating to the powers and duties of the Sunfield Municipal Utility District No. 1 regarding elections and road projects; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds.

To Natural Resources.

**HB 4044** (By Parker), Relating to the qualifications and method of electing directors of the Mustang Special Utility District.

To Natural Resources.

**HB 4045** (By Callegari), Relating to the creation of the Towne Lake Management District; providing authority to levy an assessment, impose a tax, and issue bonds.

To Urban Affairs.

**HB 4046** (By Eissler), Relating to the creation of the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 104; providing authority to impose taxes and issue bonds.

To Natural Resources.

**HB 4047** (By Farabee), Relating to the powers and duties of the Electra Hospital District.

To County Affairs.

**HB 4048** (By Miller), Relating to the jurisdiction of a county court at law in Erath County.

To Judiciary.

**HB 4049** (By P. King), Relating to the creation of the Parker County Groundwater Conservation District.

To Natural Resources.

**HB 4050** (By P. King), Relating to the creation of the Wise County Groundwater Conservation District.

To Natural Resources.

**HB 4051** (By P. King), Relating to the creation of the Parker-Wise Groundwater Conservation District.

To Natural Resources.

**HB 4052** (By P. King), Relating to the creation, administration, powers, duties, operations and financing of the Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District.

To Natural Resources.

**HB 4053** (By Eiland), Relating to the creation of the Galveston East End Management District; providing authority to levy an assessment, impose a tax, and issue bonds.

To Urban Affairs.

**HB 4054** (By Paxton), Relating to the creation of the Stover Creek Municipal Utility District; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds; granting the power of eminent domain.

To Natural Resources.

**HB 4055** (By Kuempel), Relating to the creation of the York Valley Municipal Utility District; providing authority to impose taxes and issue bonds.

To Natural Resources.

**HCR 162** (By Gallego), Commemorating the 125th anniversary of the town of Valentine.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HCR 163** (By Gallego), In memory of the Honorable Stillman Dudley Harrison of Sanderson.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HCR 164** (By Gallego), Encouraging the United States and Mexican federal governments to reopen the bridge and border crossing at La Linda, Coahuila, Mexico.

To Transportation.

**HCR 174** (By Homer), In memory of Leonard Boone of Paris, Texas.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HCR 175** (By Homer), Commemorating the 173rd anniversary of Shiloh Cumberland Presbyterian Church in 2007.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HCR 176** (By Craddick), Congratulating the Honorable Reuben Senterfitt of San Saba on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HCR 178** (By Craddick), Congratulating the Honorable Reuben Senterfitt of San Saba on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HCR 179** (By Homer), In memory of Madison Hope Nation of Paris.  
To Rules and Resolutions.

**HCR 180** (By Hilderbran), Honoring the life of James Harold Doolittle and recognizing his military aviation achievements.  
To Rules and Resolutions.

**HCR 181** (By Eissler), Designating State Highway 75 between Streetman and Conroe as the 75th Ranger Regiment Highway and requesting that the Texas Department of Transportation feature the Ranger tab and 75th Ranger Regiment patch on memorial markers for the highway.  
To Transportation.

**HR 9** (By Harper-Brown), Congratulating Craig T. Reid on his promotion to senior vice president of operations for Four Seasons—the Americas.  
To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 972** (By Gallego), Congratulating Raul W. Ramos on the occasion of his retirement from Sul Ross State University.  
To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 973** (By Solomons), Recognizing November 5-9, 2007, and November 3-7, 2008, as Municipal Courts Week in Texas.  
To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 974** (By Geren), Honoring the 50th wedding anniversary of Robert Waymon Hall and Betty Hall of Granbury.  
To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 975** (By Merritt), Honoring Longview native Sunny Sweeney on the release of her debut album, Heartbreaker's Hall of Fame.  
To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 976** (By Macias), In memory of Lia Franke Scheffrahn of Boerne.  
To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 977** (By Macias), Congratulating Carl and Martha Lavin of New Braunfels on their 70th wedding anniversary.  
To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 978** (By Macias), Honoring John Marshall Millsap and Thomas Jay Millsap on earning the rank of Eagle Scout.  
To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 979** (By McCall), Congratulating Elizabeth Pospisil of Plano on being crowned Miss Texas Junior Teen America 2007.  
To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 980** (By Gonzalez Toureilles), Honoring U.S. Army Sergeant Hugo Almaraz of Alice for his courageous service in Iraq.  
To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 981** (By Gonzalez Toureilles), Honoring Eliseo Garcia of Skidmore on his 101st birthday.  
To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 984** (By Goolsby), In memory of Robert Plummer of Hurst.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 986** (By Crownover), Congratulating Carol W. Short on earning the Otis L. Fowler Award from the Denton Chamber of Commerce.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 988** (By Ortiz), Commemorating the 59th anniversary of the founding of the American GI Forum.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 989** (By Craddick), Congratulating Vernon and Faye Kidd on their 60th wedding anniversary.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 990** (By Craddick), Honoring Clarence and Betty Murray of Midland on their 50th wedding anniversary.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 991** (By Craddick), Congratulating Alvin and Juanita Gary of Lamesa on their 50th wedding anniversary.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 992** (By Craddick), Congratulating James and Billie Henry of Midland on their 60th wedding anniversary.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 993** (By Craddick), Congratulating Fred and Ida Calaway of Midland on their 50th wedding anniversary.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 994** (By Craddick), Honoring K. F. and Faye Lehenbauer of Midland on their 50th wedding anniversary.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 995** (By Craddick), Congratulating Gary and Gail Gililand of Midland on their 50th wedding anniversary.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 996** (By Craddick), Honoring Ben and Marsha Shattuck of Midland on their 50th wedding anniversary.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 997** (By Craddick), Congratulating JoEllen and Marshall Meeks of Odessa on their 50th wedding anniversary.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 998** (By Craddick), Congratulating Donald and Mae Thompson of Midland on their 60th wedding anniversary.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1280** (By Menendez), Commemorating the 59th annual Fiesta Flambeau Parade in San Antonio.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1283** (By T. Smith), In memory of Leahmon Frank Chambers of Bedford.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1284** (By Callegari), Recognizing April 4, 2007, as Association of Water Board Directors—Texas Day at the Capitol.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1285** (By Anderson), In memory of Molly Maloy of Waco.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1287** (By Farabee), Congratulating Delilah Washburn of Wichita County on her appointment as director of the Houston Regional Office of the Texas Veterans Commission.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1288** (By Farabee), Honoring Ray and Karen Gordon, the owners of Skate Whirl roller rink in Wichita Falls.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1289** (By Farabee), In memory of Don R. Talley of Holliday.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1290** (By Farabee), Congratulating Midwestern State University on its membership in the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1292** (By Craddick), Honoring Judge William C. Morrow on his retirement as board member of the Commission on Jail Standards and as Midland County judge.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1293** (By Gonzalez Toureilles), Honoring Dr. Euell W. Crisp for his service to the Alice community.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1294** (By Gonzalez Toureilles), Congratulating U.S. Army Sergeant Juan Lozano, Jr., on his receipt of the Army Commendation Medal.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1295** (By Gonzales), Honoring Jean Milliken for her contributions to her community as an educator.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1296** (By Gonzales), Recognizing Carol Lynn Looney of Hidalgo County for her contributions to her community.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1297** (By Gonzales), Honoring Dr. Linda Villarreal for her professional contributions to her community.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1298** (By Callegari), In memory of Mary Eugenia Curvin.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1299** (By Quintanilla), Honoring Trooper Jorge Vargas on his retirement from the Texas Department of Public Safety.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1300** (By Ortiz), In memory of former Nueces County judge Robert "Bob" Barnes.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1301** (By Dutton), Honoring Willie Deloise Williams Faine of Houston on her 85th birthday.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1302** (By Martinez Fischer), Honoring Geronimo Rodriguez, Jr., for his contributions to politics and the Hispanic community.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1303** (By Martinez Fischer), In memory of Cristobal Angelini, Jr., of San Antonio.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1304** (By Farrar), Honoring Beaumont native Glenna Bell for her accomplishments as a singer and songwriter.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1305** (By Guillen), Congratulating Alejandro Lee "Alex" Garza, Jr., and Amanda Garza on their success at the 2006 Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympic Games.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1306** (By Gallego), Honoring TxDOT Area Engineer Thomas R. Mangrem on his retirement.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1307** (By Gallego), In memory of Philip Abraham Mahl.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1308** (By Gallego), Honoring the Friends of Big Bend National Park.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1309** (By Jones), Honoring Reid Richards of Lubbock on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1310** (By Truitt), Honoring Grapevine on being named a Preserve America Community.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1311** (By Y. Davis), In memory of Lester "Buck" Massey of Dallas.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1313** (By Farabee), Honoring Darrell Coleman of Wichita Falls on his receipt of the 2006 Pat Taggart Award for Texas Newspaper Leader of the Year.

To Rules and Resolutions.



**HR 1314** (By O'Day), Honoring Ronnie Killen of Killen's Steakhouse in Pearland.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1315** (By Raymond), Honoring Jesus M. Sanchez for his contributions to the Laredo community.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1316** (By Eiland), Honoring the Reverend David L. Everson, Sr., on his eighth anniversary as pastor of First Union Baptist Church in Galveston.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1317** (By Eiland), In memory of the Reverend James Benjamin Thomas of Galveston.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1318** (By Dutton), Honoring attorney Bobby Caldwell of Houston for his professional achievements.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1319** (By Dutton), Congratulating Tajah Burton, a 2007 honoree of the Reginald Keith Guillory Scholarship/Academic Awards Luncheon.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1320** (By Dutton), Congratulating Deshawn L. Rodgers, a 2007 honoree of the Reginald Keith Guillory Scholarship/Academic Awards Luncheon.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1321** (By Dutton), Congratulating Catrina Nicole Guillory, a 2007 honoree of the Reginald Keith Guillory Scholarship/Academic Awards Luncheon.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1322** (By Dutton), Congratulating Brandon Johnson, a 2007 honoree of the Reginald Keith Guillory Scholarship/Academic Awards Luncheon.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1323** (By Dutton), Congratulating Jonathan-Blake Flemings, a 2007 honoree of the Reginald Keith Guillory Scholarship/Academic Awards Luncheon.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1324** (By Dutton), Congratulating Maureen Ezekor, a 2007 honoree of the Reginald Keith Guillory Scholarship/Academic Awards Luncheon.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1325** (By Dutton), Congratulating De'Andre Ke'Mon Nico, a 2007 honoree of the Reginald Keith Guillory Scholarship/Academic Awards Luncheon.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1326** (By Dutton), Congratulating Quinton Lewis Clemons, a 2007 honoree of the Reginald Keith Guillory Scholarship/Academic Awards Luncheon.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1327** (By Dutton), Congratulating Chelsey Marie Clemons, a 2007 honoree of the Reginald Keith Guillory Scholarship/Academic Awards Luncheon.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1328** (By Dutton), Congratulating Charles Austin Young, a 2007 honoree of the Reginald Keith Guillory Scholarship/Academic Awards Luncheon.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1329** (By Dutton), Congratulating Ta'Marcus D. Land, a 2007 honoree of the Reginald Keith Guillory Scholarship/Academic Awards Luncheon.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1330** (By Dutton), Congratulating Sarah N. Sapp, a 2007 honoree of the Reginald Keith Guillory Scholarship/Academic Awards Luncheon.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1331** (By Dutton), Congratulating A'ysha Williams, a 2007 honoree of the Reginald Keith Guillory Scholarship/Academic Awards Luncheon.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1332** (By Dutton), Congratulating Rochelle V. Causey, a 2007 honoree of the Reginald Keith Guillory Scholarship/Academic Awards Luncheon.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1333** (By Dutton), Congratulating Jairus Francis, a 2007 honoree of the Reginald Keith Guillory Scholarship/Academic Awards Luncheon.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1334** (By Dutton), Congratulating Christian Alexander, a 2007 honoree of the Reginald Keith Guillory Scholarship/Academic Awards Luncheon.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1335** (By Hodge), Honoring the birth of Cyruss Dean Price Evans of Dallas.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1336** (By Rodriguez), Honoring Jim and Bob Gregory of Texas Disposal Systems for providing CPR education kits to every household in Creedmoor.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1337** (By Bolton), Honoring Mark Misage of Westlake High School in Austin for winning a 2007 Siemens Award for Advanced Placement.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1338** (By Bolton), Honoring Kurt Metscher of Austin for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1339** (By Bolton), Congratulating Jody Conradt on her retirement and her achievements as head coach of The University of Texas women's basketball team.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1340** (By Bolton), Honoring Texas Monthly for being nominated for a 2007 National Magazine Award for General Excellence.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1341** (By Jones), Honoring Cochran County Sheriff R. W. Stalcup for his receipt of the 2006 Texas Peacemaker Award from the Sheriffs' Association of Texas.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1342** (By Escobar), Commending Ricardo A. Barrera for his service to citizens of Texas.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1343** (By Escobar), In memory of Ruperta Moreno Escobar of Corpus Christi.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1344** (By Chavez), Recognizing the establishment of the El Paso Association of Mediators.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1345** (By Chavez), Congratulating Kathleen Campbell Walker of El Paso on delivering the keynote address at the Northwest Immigration Conference presented by the Oregon Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1346** (By Chavez), In memory of U.S. Navy Petty Officer First Class Gilbert "Beto" Minjares, Jr., of El Paso.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1347** (By Chavez), Congratulating Guadalupe Montes Arellano of El Paso on her receipt of the Sembrador del Bien Award from the Sin Fronteras Organizing Project.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1348** (By Dutton), Honoring the Reverend L. D. Lee of Houston on his 20th pastoral anniversary.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1349** (By Y. Davis), Commemorating Oak Cliff Earth Day 2007.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1350** (By Y. Davis), Commemorating the 20th anniversary of the founding of Texas Democratic Women.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1351** (By Vaught), Honoring Jesse and Del Galvan of Garland on their 60th wedding anniversary.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1352** (By Vaught), In memory of Larry Baldwin of Dallas.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1353** (By Dunnam), Honoring the 100th birthday of Katie Mae Giddings Pride.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1354** (By T. Smith), Congratulating the North Texas Chapter of the International Code Council on its receipt of an International Code Council Chapter Merit Award.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 1355** (By T. Smith), Welcoming Leadership Fort Worth to the State Capitol.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**SB 64** to Elections.

**SB 75** to Criminal Jurisprudence.

**SB 244** to Criminal Jurisprudence.

**SB 287** to Business and Industry.

**SB 393** to Government Reform.

**SB 484** to Regulated Industries.

**SB 505** to Judiciary.

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**SB 534** to Law Enforcement.

**SB 611** to Insurance.

**SCR 1** to Human Services.

**SCR 15** to Rules and Resolutions.

**SCR 31** to Rules and Resolutions.

**SCR 36** to Rules and Resolutions.

**SCR 44** to Rules and Resolutions.

Pursuant to Rule 1, Section 4 of the House Rules, the chair corrects the referral of the following bills and resolutions:

**HB 2151** (By Bohac), Relating to the prosecution and adjudication of the offense of graffiti and to the payment and use of a juvenile delinquency prevention fee.

To Judiciary.

**HB 4004** (By Vo), Relating to the creation of the International Management District; providing authority to impose assessments and taxes and to issue bonds.

To Urban Affairs.

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## APPENDIX

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### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Favorable reports have been filed by committees as follows:

#### **March 30**

Agriculture and Livestock - **HB 2458**

Business and Industry - **HB 1005, HB 1772, HB 2004**

Criminal Jurisprudence - **HB 1178**

Culture, Recreation, and Tourism - **HB 1023, HB 1308, HB 1310, HB 2769**

Defense Affairs and State-Federal Relations - **HB 258**

Elections - **HB 1987, HB 2451, HB 2489, HB 2492, HB 2839**

Energy Resources - **HB 630, HB 1170**

Financial Institutions - **HB 1344, HB 1962, HB 2219**

Government Reform - **HB 66, HB 387, HB 477, HB 1788**

Land and Resource Management - **HB 1067, HB 1100, HB 1472, HB 2281, HB 2819**

Licensing and Administrative Procedures - **HB 762, HB 1850**

Pensions and Investments - **HB 1318**

Regulated Industries - **HB 1214, HB 3005, SB 495**

### ENROLLED

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