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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE, REGULAR SESSION

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## PROCEEDINGS

SIXTH DAY — WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2007

The house met at 1 p.m. and was called to order by the speaker.

The roll of the house was called and a quorum was announced present (Record 35).

Present — Mr. Speaker; Allen; Alonzo; Anchia; Anderson; Aycock; Bailey; Berman; Bohac; Bolton; Bonnen; Branch; Brown, B.; Brown, F.; Burnam; Callegari; Chisum; Christian; Cohen; Coleman; Cook, B.; Cook, R.; Crabb; Creighton; Crownover; Darby; Davis, J.; Davis, Y.; Delisi; Deshotel; Driver; Dukes; Dunnam; Dutton; Eiland; Eissler; Elkins; England; Escobar; Farabee; Farias; Farrar; Flores; Flynn; Gallego; Gattis; Geren; Giddings; Gonzales; Gonzalez Toureilles; Goolsby; Guillen; Haggerty; Hamilton; Hancock; Hardcastle; Harless; Harper-Brown; Heflin; Hernandez; Herrero; 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; Menendez; Merritt; Miles; Miller; Moreno; Morrison; Murphy; Naishtat; Olivo; Orr; Ortiz; Otto; Parker; Patrick; Paxton; Peña; Phillips; Pickett; Pierson; Pitts; Puente; Quintanilla; Raymond; Riddle; Ritter; Rodriguez; Rose; Smith, T.; Smith, W.; Smithee; Strama; Straus; Swinford; Talton; Taylor; Thompson; Truitt; Turner; Van Arsdale; Vaught; Veasey; Villarreal; Vo; West; Woolley; Zedler; Zerwas.

Absent, Excused — Frost; Hilderbran; McReynolds; Mowery; Oliveira; Solomons.

Absent — Castro; Chavez; Corte; Garcia; Hartnett; Noriega.

The invocation was offered by John Short, pastor, Hill Country Bible Church Northwest, Austin, as follows:

Heavenly Father, we recognize today that publicly addressing you is a gift freely given to us in these United States of America because you have blessed us with freedom and for that we say thanks. We offer up our praise for the grace you have given to all of us in this room. With this praise we ask that you help us to follow your guidance as we make decisions for the citizens of this great state. We desire to acknowledge you as our first president, George Washington, did in one of his journals as he prayed these words:

"Most mighty and merciful Father, though I am not worthy to appear before you, because of my natural corruptions, yet I make a plea to you, thanks and praises for your manifold mercies extended toward me, for the quiet rest and

peace of the past night, for food, protection, health, peace, liberty, and the hopes of a better life. Father, continue your mercy and favor to me this day, and ever after; propose all my lawful undertakings; let me have all my directions from you and success from your bountiful hand. Let your light so shine into my heart, and enlighten my mind in understanding, that I may be enabled to perform your will in all things and effectually resist all temptations of the world. Preserve and defend our leaders in church and state. Bless the people of this land, be a father to the fatherless, a comforter to the comfortless, a deliverer to the captives, and a physician to the sick. Let your blessings guide this day and forever."

These things we ask because of your love for us and because of your dear son Jesus Christ. Amen.

The speaker recognized Representative Berman 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:

Frost on motion of Heflin.

McReynolds on motion of Heflin.

Mowery on motion of Heflin.

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

Solomons on motion of Heflin.

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

Hilderbran on motion of Darby.

### **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).

### **SCR 10 - ADOPTED (Taylor - House Sponsor)**

Representative Taylor moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **SCR 10**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**SCR 10**, Granting the legislature permission to adjourn for more than three days during the period beginning on Wednesday, January 17, 2007, and ending on Monday, January 22, 2007.

**SCR 10** was read and was adopted.

**REMARKS ORDERED PRINTED**

Representative Chisum moved to print all debate and parliamentary inquiries regarding the election of the speaker from Tuesday, January 9.

The motion prevailed.

(Chavez and Corte now present)

**INTRODUCTION OF GUEST**

The speaker recognized Representative Chavez who introduced Mary Wilson of The Supremes. Ms. Wilson briefly addressed the house.

**LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED**

The following members were granted leaves of absence for the remainder of today because of inclement weather:

Gattis on motion of Christian.

Keffer on motion of Harper-Brown.

(Garcia now present)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Woolley moved that the house adjourn until 2 p.m. Monday, January 22.

The motion prevailed.

The house accordingly, at 1:22 p.m., adjourned until 2 p.m. Monday, January 22.

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**ADDENDUM**

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**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

Wednesday, January 17, 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:

**SCR 10**

Whitmire

SPONSOR: Taylor

Granting the legislature permission to adjourn for more than three days during the period beginning on Wednesday, January 17, 2007, and ending on Monday, January 22, 2007.

Respectfully,

Patsy Spaw

Secretary of the Senate