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PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY — TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2023

In obedience of the proclamation of His Excellency, Greg Abbott, Governor of the State of Texas, convening the 88th Legislature, First Called Session, to meet in special session at Austin, Texas, the seat of government, on this the 30th day of May 2023, the members of the House of Representatives assembled in the hall of the House of Representatives, and at 12:51 p.m. the house was called to order by the Honorable Dade Phelan, speaker.

The roll of the house was called and a quorum was announced present (Record 1).

Present — Mr. Speaker(C); Allen; Allison; Anchía; Anderson; Ashby; Bailes; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bowers; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Bumgarner; Burns; Burrows; Button; Cain; Campos; Canales; Capriglione; Clardy; Cole; Collier; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Darby; Davis; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dutton; Flores; Frank; Frazier; Gámez; Garcia; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; Goldman; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris, C.E.; Harris, C.J.; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hernandez; Herrero; Hinojosa; Holland; Howard; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Jetton; Johnson, A.; Johnson, J.D.; Johnson, J.E.; Jones, J.; Jones, V.; Kacal; King, K.; King, T.; Kitzman; Klick; Kuempel; Lalani; Lambert; Landgraf; Leach; Leo-Wilson; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Lozano; Lujan; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Morrison; Muñoz; Murr; Neave Criado; Noble; Oliverson; Ordaz; Orr; Ortega; Patterson; Paul; Perez; Plesa; Price; Ramos; Raney; Raymond; Reynolds; Rogers; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schaefer; Schatzline; Schofield; Shaheen; Sherman; Shine; Slawson; Smith; Smithee; Spiller; Stucky; Swanson; Talarico; Tepper; Thierry; Thimesch; Thompson, E.; Thompson, S.; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Vasut; Vo; Walle; Wilson; Zwiener.

Absent, Excused — Wu.

The invocation was offered by Representative Metcalf as follows:

Dear heavenly Father, we thank you for this day. Thank you for our time together. We ask that you bless our families while we are away. We pray for your grace, mercy, and peace. Amen.

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

**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR
OF THE STATE OF TEXAS**

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

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of the State of Texas, by the authority vested in me by Article III, Sections 5 and 40, and Article IV, Section 8, of the Texas Constitution, do hereby call an extraordinary session #1 of the 88th Legislature, to convene in the City of Austin, commencing at 9 p.m. on Monday, May 29, 2023, for the following purposes:

To consider and act upon the following:

Legislation to cut property-tax rates solely by reducing the school district maximum compressed tax rate in order to provide lasting property-tax relief for Texas taxpayers.

Legislation solely for the purpose of increasing or enhancing the penalties for certain criminal conduct involving the smuggling of persons or the operation of a stash house.

The Secretary of State will take notice of this action and will notify the members of the legislature of my action.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed at my office in the City of Austin, Texas, this the 29th day of May 2023.

/s/Greg Abbott
Governor

(SEAL)

Attested by:

/s/Jane Nelson
Secretary of State

**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.)

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED

The following members were granted leaves of absence for the remainder of the session, as needed, to attend meetings of the Committee on General Investigating:

Murr on motion of Metcalf.

A. Johnson on motion of Metcalf.

Geren on motion of Metcalf.

Longoria on motion of Metcalf.

Spiller on motion of Metcalf.

The following members were granted leaves of absence for the remainder of the session, as needed, to attend meetings of the Board of Managers:

Murr on motion of Metcalf.

A. Johnson on motion of Metcalf.

Geren on motion of Metcalf.

Moody on motion of Metcalf.

Canales on motion of Metcalf.

Leach on motion of Metcalf.

Longoria on motion of Metcalf.

Meyer on motion of Metcalf.

Cain on motion of Metcalf.

Vasut on motion of Metcalf.

Spiller on motion of Metcalf.

Gámez on motion of Metcalf.

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

Wu on motion of Walle.

BOARD OF MANAGERS GRANTED PERMISSION TO MEET

Representative Murr requested permission for the Board of Managers to meet while the house is in session for the remainder of the session.

Permission to meet was granted.

COMMITTEE GRANTED PERMISSION TO MEET

Representative Murr requested permission for the Committee on General Investigating to meet while the house is in session for the remainder of the session.

Permission to meet was granted.

COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

At 1 p.m., the following committee meetings were announced:

State Affairs, upon first adjournment today, Desk 46, for a formal meeting, to consider pending, referred, and committee business.

Ways and Means, upon first adjournment today, Desk 41, for a formal meeting, to consider pending, referred, and committee business.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Meyer moved that the house adjourn until 1:15 p.m. today.

The motion prevailed.

The house accordingly, at 1:01 p.m., adjourned until 1:15 p.m. today.

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 1 (By Meyer, Burrows, Bonnen, Thierry, and Raymond), Relating to a reduction in the maximum compressed tax rate of a school district and additional state aid for certain school districts impacted by compression.

To Ways and Means.

HB 2 (By Guillen, Raymond, Muñoz, Lozano, and J. Lopez), Relating to the punishment for certain criminal conduct involving the smuggling of persons or the operation of a stash house; increasing criminal penalties.

To State Affairs.

HJR 1 (By Meyer, Burrows, Bonnen, Thierry, and Raymond), Proposing a constitutional amendment excepting certain appropriations to pay for school district ad valorem tax relief from the constitutional limitation on the rate of growth of appropriations.

To Ways and Means.