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## PROCEEDINGS

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SIXTH DAY — THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2023

The house met at 3:36 a.m. and was called to order by the speaker.

The roll of the house was called and a quorum was announced present (Record 56).

Present — Mr. Speaker(C); Allen; Allison; 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; 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; Wu; Zwiener.

Absent, Excused — Anchía; Gervin-Hawkins.

### LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED

On motion of Representative Metcalf and by unanimous consent, all members who were granted leaves of absence on the previous legislative day were granted leaves for this legislative day.

### SB 7 - RULES SUSPENDED HOUSE SPONSOR AUTHORIZED

Representative Hunter moved to suspend Rule 8, Section 5(d), of the House Rules to designate as house sponsors and co-sponsors for **SB 7** all joint authors and co-authors for **HB 7** who sign on to **HB 7** before **SB 7** passes the house on third reading.

The motion prevailed.

**SB 4 - RULES SUSPENDED**  
**HOUSE SPONSOR AUTHORIZED**

Representative Hunter moved to suspend Rule 8, Section 5(d), of the House Rules to designate as house sponsors and co-sponsors for **SB 4** all joint authors and co-authors for **HB 5** who sign on to **HB 5** before **SB 4** passes the house on third reading.

The motion prevailed.

**GENERAL STATE CALENDAR**  
**SENATE BILLS**  
**THIRD READING**

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

**SB 7 ON THIRD READING**  
**(Leach, Klick, Troxclair, Raymond, et al. - House Sponsors)**

**SB 7**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to prohibiting a private employer from adopting or enforcing certain COVID-19 vaccine mandates; authorizing an administrative penalty.

**SB 7** was passed by (Record 57): 91 Yeas, 54 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Allison; Anderson; Ashby; Bailes; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bonnen; Buckley; Bumgarner; Burns; Burrows; Button; Cain; Capriglione; Clardy; Cook; Craddick; Cunningham; Darby; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Frank; Frazier; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Goldman; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris, C.E.; Harris, C.J.; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Holland; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Jetton; Kacal; King, K.; King, T.; Kitzman; Klick; Kuempel; Lambert; Landgraf; Leach; Leo-Wilson; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lozano; Lujan; Metcalf; Meyer; Morales, E.; Morrison; Muñoz; Murr; Neave Criado; Noble; Oliverson; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Price; Raney; Raymond; Rogers; Romero; Schaefer; Schatzline; Shaheen; Shine; Slawson; Smith; Smithee; Spiller; Stucky; Swanson; Tepper; Thimesch; Thompson, E.; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; VanDeaver; Vasut; Wilson.

Nays — Allen; Bernal; Bhojani; Bowers; Bryant; Bucy; Campos; Canales; Cole; Collier; Cortez; Davis; Dutton; Flores; Gámez; Garcia; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Hernandez; Herrero; Hinojosa; Howard; Johnson, A.; Johnson, J.D.; Johnson, J.E.; Jones, J.; Jones, V.; Lalani; Lopez, R.; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; Meza; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales Shaw; Ordaz; Ortega; Perez; Plesa; Ramos; Reynolds; Rose; Rosenthal; Sherman; Talarico; Thierry; Thompson, S.; Turner; Vo; Walle; Wu; Zwiener.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent, Excused — Anchía; Gervin-Hawkins.

Absent — Schofield.

**STATEMENT OF VOTE**

When Record No. 57 was taken, I was excused because of important business in the district. I would have voted no.

Gervin-Hawkins

**SB 4 ON THIRD READING**

**(Guillen, E. Morales, J. Lopez, Raymond, Holland, et al. - House Sponsors)**

**SB 4**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the punishment for certain criminal conduct involving the smuggling of persons or the operation of a stash house; increasing criminal penalties.

**SB 4** was passed by (Record 58): 92 Yeas, 54 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Allison; Anderson; Ashby; Bailes; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bonnen; Buckley; Bumgarner; Burns; Burrows; Button; Cain; Capriglione; Clardy; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Darby; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Frank; Frazier; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Goldman; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris, C.E.; Harris, C.J.; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Herrero; Holland; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Jetton; Kacal; King, K.; King, T.; Kitzman; Klick; Kuempel; Lambert; Landgraf; Leach; Leo-Wilson; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lozano; Lujan; Metcalf; Meyer; Morales, E.; Morrison; Muñoz; Murr; Noble; Oliverson; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Price; Raney; Raymond; Rogers; Schaefer; Schatzline; Schofield; Shaheen; Shine; Slawson; Smith; Smithee; Spiller; Stucky; Swanson; Tepper; Thimesch; Thompson, E.; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; VanDeaver; Vasut; Wilson.

Nays — Allen; Bernal; Bhojani; Bowers; Bryant; Bucy; Campos; Canales; Cole; Collier; Davis; Dutton; Flores; Gámez; Garcia; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Howard; Johnson, A.; Johnson, J.D.; Johnson, J.E.; Jones, J.; Jones, V.; Lalani; Lopez, R.; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; Meza; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales Shaw; Neave Criado; Ordaz; Ortega; Perez; Plesa; Ramos; Reynolds; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Sherman; Talarico; Thierry; Thompson, S.; Turner; Vo; Walle; Wu; Zwiener.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent, Excused — Anchía; Gervin-Hawkins.

**STATEMENTS OF VOTE**

When Record No. 58 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Cortez

When Record No. 58 was taken, I was excused because of important business in the district. I would have voted no.

Gervin-Hawkins

**GENERAL STATE CALENDAR  
HOUSE BILLS  
THIRD READING**

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

**HB 6 ON THIRD READING  
(by Jetton, Bonnen, DeAyala, et al.)**

**HB 6**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to making an appropriation for the construction, operation, and maintenance of border barrier infrastructure.

**HB 6** was passed by (Record 59): 84 Yeas, 61 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Allison; Anderson; Ashby; Bailes; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bonnen; Buckley; Bumgarner; Burns; Burrows; Button; Cain; Capriglione; Clardy; Cook; Craddick; Cunningham; Darby; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Frank; Frazier; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Goldman; Guillen; Harless; Harris, C.E.; Harris, C.J.; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Holland; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Jetton; Kacal; King, K.; Kitzman; Klick; Kuempel; Lambert; Landgraf; Leach; Leo-Wilson; Lopez, J.; Lozano; Lujan; Metcalf; Meyer; Morrison; Murr; Noble; Oliverson; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Price; Raney; Rogers; Schaefer; Schatzline; Schofield; Shaheen; Shine; Slawson; Smith; Smithee; Spiller; Stucky; Swanson; Tepper; Thimesch; Thompson, E.; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; VanDeaver; Vasut; Wilson.

Nays — Allen; Bernal; Bhojani; Bowers; Bryant; Bucy; Campos; Canales; Cole; Collier; Cortez; Davis; Dutton; Flores; Gámez; García; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Hernandez; Herrero; Hinojosa; Howard; Johnson, A.; Johnson, J.D.; Johnson, J.E.; Jones, J.; Jones, V.; Lalani; Longoria; Lopez, R.; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; Meza; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Muñoz; Neave Criado; Ordaz; Ortega; Perez; Plesa; Ramos; Raymond; Reynolds; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Sherman; Talarico; Thierry; Thompson, S.; Turner; Vo; Walle; Wu; Zwiener.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent, Excused — Anchía; Gervin-Hawkins.

Absent — King, T.

The chair stated that **HB 6** was passed subject to the provisions of Article III, Section 49a, of the Texas Constitution.

**STATEMENT OF VOTE**

When Record No. 59 was taken, I was excused because of important business in the district. I would have voted no.

Gervin-Hawkins

**HB 4 ON THIRD READING****(by Spiller, Hefner, Hunter, K. Bell, et al.)**

**HB 4**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to prohibitions on the illegal entry into or illegal presence in this state by a person who is an alien, the enforcement of those prohibitions, and authorizing the removal of persons who violate certain of those prohibitions in lieu of arrest; creating criminal offenses.

**HB 4 - REMARKS**

**REPRESENTATIVE SPILLER:** Thank you for the time. Thank you for the thoughtful amendments and many things brought. I want to thank my joint authors, co-authors, all those that helped in every way. Thank you all.

**REPRESENTATIVE GARCIA:** Members, send me your poor, your tired, your huddled masses yearning to be free. As long as it's not Texas. That's the message that we're getting here today. This is a country that has been built on the back of immigrants. As a matter of fact, I would challenge many of you to think back to your own recent history and question where your own family members came from, because what's happening today is a violation not only of civil rights but of human rights, of human dignity, and of the dignity of life.

As a freshman, I know I have a lot to learn, and I look to many of you here—almost all of you here—as people that I can learn from. And I just want to express how deeply hurt, how deeply disappointed I am today and this evening at hearing that my own sons, if they're walking anywhere near a border with a backpack on, they can be grabbed up and arrested, just simply for existing. Because this is what we're hearing. We're hearing we're going to kick people out of Texas, but where are we sending them? We don't know because those questions are still left unanswered. We're tasking our already taxed law enforcement, who beg us every single session for help. They beg us for help. They beg us for clarification, they beg us for funding, and they beg us for help. And here we're sitting here tonight, telling them, "No, you're all right. We're going to put a whole different responsibility on you. You are now immigration." If this isn't unjust and unfair, then I don't know what is.

This is very un-Texan and this is very un-American and I really, really hope that everyone can go to sleep tonight or this morning with a clear conscience as we sat here and said that we are going to allow 11-year-old children to be arrested. When I served my country at 16 years old, signed on the dotted line, joined at 18, and went overseas at 21. I had absolutely no idea that the very human rights and the humanitarian missions we go on to help protect people in other countries would be ignored here. I had absolutely no idea that I can go and protect Iraqi children, but yet when it's our own children affected, we can't protect them because we don't have enough votes to.

I hope and pray that blood isn't on anybody's hands in here today because what I witnessed as a humanitarian on the border was death. What I heard about on the border as a humanitarian was women walking on foot, as I mentioned earlier, and being raped multiple times, some being murdered, all because they have nothing. No hope, no life, no breath, no nothing until they got here to the border of the United States where they finally thought they found freedom, but

instead they're going to find chains. Instead, they're going to find a one-way ticket back to God knows where because there's nowhere that we're going to send them, apparently because we weren't able to figure that out today.

REPRESENTATIVE TALARICO: Members, I know it's been a long night, so I'll be brief. Last summer, brave DPS officers blew the whistle on Governor Abbott's dangerous border stunts. They told us that DPS troopers were being "ordered to push small children and nursing babies back into the Rio Grande." Troopers were being "told not to give water to asylum seekers even in extreme heat." A pregnant woman "having a miscarriage was found caught in the wire doubled over in pain." One of the troopers said, "I believe we have stepped over a line into the inhumane." Five officers who were forced to carry out these orders have committed suicide.

Our own officers are begging us to show just an ounce of humanity. My question to this body is do we have any? This isn't the Texas I know. Real Texans celebrate diversity. Real Texans welcome newcomers. Real Texans help others in need. We have real problems on our southern border, but this bill doesn't provide any real solutions. Instead, this legislation doubled down on those same dangerous border stunts. We spent \$10 billion, and border crossings are actually up in the very places where we've pulled these stunts. Do we really think a mom who's traveled 2,000 miles with her baby on her back, dodging smugglers, evading cartels, trekking through jungles and deserts, fleeing the only home she's ever known is going to be deterred by our razor wire? We underestimate a mother's love.

This bill doesn't reform our asylum system. It doesn't establish a guest worker program. It doesn't relieve the visa backlog. It doesn't modernize our ports of entry where 93 percent of the fentanyl gets in. But why work on solutions when you can score points off the problem? Trapping migrants in razor wire makes for much better TV. Texans deserve solutions, not stunts. I, for one, will be here ready to get to work when we're done playing games.

REPRESENTATIVE MARTINEZ FISCHER: What concerns me about this debate—and I'm not surprised that we don't agree on the final vote. It doesn't surprise me. But what surprises me is how we are devolving as an institution.

I've had a number of conversations with many of you—and you know who your are—where you know there's an amendment, and you know it's the right thing to do. Protecting the undocumented who are victims of rape, protecting victims of domestic violence, and making sure that everybody in this state has the constitutional rights that they have and not just going to let officers pick people out of a lineup and say you look different. We're going to make you hold a standard of probable cause. Having compassion for these counties that have to absorb all of the work because we're kind of in the legislative cheap seats. We just get to write the words. We don't have to do the work. The work will be done by county sheriffs, constables, law enforcement men and women, jailers. We're not giving them a dollar or a dime to expand their jail. We're not going to come in and rescue them when the Jail Standards Commission says you're out of compliance, your jail's too full. Nevermind that folks told us up here in Austin

that thousands of people could be detained under this proposal. You all know it's the right thing to do. Many of you want to do it. And then you don't because you're concerned or fearful that some other officeholder doesn't like it.

I don't know about you, but I didn't knock on all the doors in the district I represent to get elected and go through that sacrifice to come take my seat up here to go get permission from somebody else to represent the district I was elected to represent. That's what we're kind of doing here, and it's sad. That's not the way this house operates. We've always been independent. I've seen statewide officeholders get ahead of their skis. I've seen 145 republican and democratic votes letting state officials know that we are the house, we are the legislature. We have our own ideas and our own opinions, and there's a process, and you get to have your say at some point. But today, we have our say.

So listen, I believe very deeply that people will treat you the way you let them. If we continue to let ourselves be pushed around and kicked around and too afraid to stand up for our convictions and our beliefs—we have the courage to whisper it outside the brass rail, to say you were right or we should have done that or why didn't we take that? What was the purpose of us conferring for three hours if we did nothing? If you were one of those individuals, then you need to be one of those individuals to say, let the house be the house. Let the will of this house work its will. Because I imagine that had that been the case, there would have been many of these proposals that would have been adopted because it's the right thing to do. And that didn't happen.

I hope when you reflect and think about this vote—4 o'clock in the morning, you're tired, you want to get out of here. So do I. But there are going to be some harder topics that we have to tackle. And we cannot continue to do this kind of work where we whisper and mumble under our breath that this is wrong, but then we push that green light in affirmation so as to not upset the powers that be. That's not how this works. I ask you to think about that and reflect on that. And if you're inspired, please vote no on this bill.

REPRESENTATIVE J. JONES: We didn't want amendment mandates, yet this bill—**HB 4**—is a mandate. This country was founded on immigration, yet this body wants only certain immigrants. We want to stop illegal immigration, yet we won't stop illegal employers. This is hypocrisy at its best, and this body must do better.

REPRESENTATIVE ROMERO: I can't help but sit here and think about my evolution as a legislator and these last—this is going into my fifth term—and remembering 2017 and the **SB 4** fight and feeling like I was a little too green to share my words honestly back then.

When **SB 4**—I knew how dangerous it would be because I, myself, just like Representative Hernandez, remember those INS sweeps. I was like the neighborhood translator for my community, my immigrant community that I still live in today. My mother would say, go translate one thing or another for our neighborhood. One day, she asked me to go to her best friend's house—Aurelia—because INS was there to pick her up. They asked me to go because Alejandra, her daughter, was going to be left alone. Somehow, even to

this day, as a 49-year-old man, I still remember that day. It was traumatic. I think I was either 10 or 11 years old. And INS left a four- or five-year-old girl, Alejandra, there with a 10- or 11-year-old boy.

And on that day here when we were arguing **SB 4**, I could only think about the time growing up—and you guys might have heard of this term, might not have heard of this term—rolling Mexicans. Back in the neighborhood during those days, the immigrants knew, undocumented they knew that if they got picked up, they were going to get deported, so they never called the police. So when that Mexican guy got paid on Friday and he was going to go buy his 12-pack, a lot of times when he went around the corner from that convenience store, what he didn't know is there were some criminals there waiting to beat his ass and take his money. A lot changed when that finally happened to my own father, and he came home all beat up, bloodied, bruised. My brothers and I, we made sure that didn't happen on that corner again anymore. There was five of us. I was scared to talk about it way back then. I'm not scared to talk about it now because everything that Trey just said is true. Well, I'll tell you what, after **SB 4** happened, there's a bar in my neighborhood on Biddison Street that got robbed 17 times in a row before that bar owner finally decided he was going to call the Fort Worth police and make them do something about it. The Fort Worth police officers had a sting, and that same day, one of those criminals put a bullet in Officer Garrett Hull's head. Garrett Hull, a Fort Worth police officer, lost his life because immigrants, once again, were so scared they decided they weren't going to call the police anymore.

I remember a lot of famous—not famous, but speeches that I remember here on the house floor. I remember a speech that I gave one of our former members when he was running for speaker here—Dennis Bonnen. When I begged him to be the speaker and not ever allow another piece of legislation to come about like **SB 4**. He said he couldn't make that promise. I remember telling him, "Well, I guess you have the blood of Garrett Hull on your hands again." Because it was that bill that made this come back. And this bill, without a doubt, is going to take us right back to those days when I was growing up as a kid when people stopped calling the law because they're scared.

I know y'all have heard us say this over and over again, and y'all saw the passion that Representative Walle showed right here, and that's because he knows what it's going to be like. I know that this vote's probably going to go the way we all expect it to go, but I hope that there's one thing that you do is you remember these words when you hear about that crime when another officer—because the officers don't have a choice. I don't think Garrett Hull decided what kind of crime he was going to fight, whether it was against an American citizen or whether it was against an undocumented immigrant. But if he or she loses her life or his life, it's on every single one of us. So I'll ask you to vote no, and even if you don't, what I know is you're going to remember these words here today.

**HB 4** was passed by (Record 60): 84 Yeas, 60 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Allison; Anderson; Ashby; Bailes; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bonnen; Buckley; Bumgarner; Burns; Burrows; Button; Cain; Capriglione; Clardy; Cook; Craddick; Cunningham; Darby; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Frank; Frazier; Gates;



Gerdes; Geren; Goldman; Guillen; Harless; Harris, C.E.; Harris, C.J.; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Holland; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Jetton; Kacal; King, K.; Kitzman; Klick; Kuempel; Lambert; Landgraf; Leach; Leo-Wilson; Lopez, J.; Lozano; Lujan; Metcalf; Meyer; Morrison; Murr; Noble; Oliverson; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Price; Raney; Rogers; Schaefer; Schatzline; Schofield; Shaheen; Shine; Slawson; Smith; Smithee; Spiller; Stucky; Swanson; Tepper; Thimesch; Thompson, E.; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; VanDeaver; Vasut; Wilson.

Nays — Allen; Bernal; Bhojani; Bowers; Bryant; Bucy; Campos; Canales; Cole; Collier; Cortez; Davis; Dutton; Flores; Gámez; Garcia; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Hernandez; Herrero; Hinojosa; Howard; Johnson, A.; Johnson, J.D.; Johnson, J.E.; Jones, V.; King, T.; Lalani; Longoria; Lopez, R.; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; Meza; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Muñoz; Neave Criado; Ordaz; Ortega; Perez; Plesa; Ramos; Raymond; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Sherman; Talarico; Thierry; Thompson, S.; Turner; Vo; Walle; Wu; Zwiener.

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

Absent, Excused — Anchía; Gervin-Hawkins.

Absent — Jones, J.

### STATEMENT OF VOTE

When Record No. 60 was taken, I was excused because of important business in the district. I would have voted no.

Gervin-Hawkins

### REASON FOR VOTE

Representative Hayes submitted the following reason for vote to be printed in the journal:

**HB 4** is not about race. It is not about racial profiling. It's about doing something respecting the tidal wave of illegal immigration. I've heard several members express concerns this evening that because of a person's skin color that someone might be wrongfully arrested or returned to Mexico or their country of origin when found to be in this country illegally.

Texas and the United States have a cataclysmic illegal immigration problem. It's multicultural. It's multigenerational. It's multinational. It's illegal aliens from every country in the world who have come across our border. That's not racial. In the last 2 1/2 years, millions have boiled into Texas and the United States. Last month, a new Texas record, in fact, it was a new world record, was set with 340,000 apprehensions. That was in September 2023. The federal government has not only perfected the proverbial ostrich head in the sand approach but has openly encouraged illegal immigration and has purposely made the decision to allow illegal immigration.

Texas and the United States have a cataclysmic illegal immigration problem. We are now experiencing a historic hemispheric migration. All commonsense approaches to respecting our state border, our country's border, have been flushed down the toilet.

We must take bold action to protect our citizens and for that matter, illegal immigrants from the atrocities of the cartels, human smuggling, sexual exploitation, murder, death, massive fentanyl importation (432 million lethal doses seized in Texas alone), and the total disregard of our laws.

A record number of illegal aliens with terrorist ties have been caught. In 2021, it was 173. In 2022, it was 478. This year it has been 736, with 546 apprehended at ports of entry and 172 between ports of entry; 487 at the northern border and 249 on the southern border. This is a national crisis.

We must do more to protect Texas and its citizens. This problem has slapped us in the face, blackened our eyes, and bloodied our noses. I voted yes to protect Texas. I voted yes to protect our children. I voted yes to protect our grandchildren. I voted yes to take action because inaction is failure of unparalleled proportions.

#### **REMARKS ORDERED PRINTED**

Representative Neave Criado moved to print all remarks on **HB 4** on third reading.

The motion prevailed.

#### **PROVIDING FOR ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:03 a.m., Representative Troxclair moved that, at the conclusion of the reading of bills and resolutions on first reading and referral to committees, the receipt of messages, and granting requests for appointment of conference committees, the house adjourn until 4 p.m. Monday, October 30 in memory of Mark Barry "Buck" Rogers of Boerne.

The motion prevailed.

#### **Monday, October 30**

(Metcalf in the chair)

The chair called the house to order at 3:47 p.m. Monday, October 30.

#### **RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES**

Resolutions were at this time laid before the house and referred to committees. (See the addendum to the daily journal, Referred to Committees, List Nos. 1 and 2 - October 30.)

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

In accordance with a previous motion, the house, at 3:48 p.m. Monday, October 30, adjourned until 4 p.m. today.

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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 - October 30**

**HCR 25** (By Craddick), In memory of James C. "Jim" Henry of Midland.  
To Resolutions Calendars.

**HCR 26** (By Craddick), Honoring Elwood Freeman of Lamesa National Bank for his more than 75 years of service in the banking industry.  
To Resolutions Calendars.

**HR 72** (By Jetton), Recognizing November 22, 2023, as Kimchee Day.  
To Resolutions Calendars.

**HR 73** (By Leo-Wilson), Commemorating the groundbreaking of the new CommonCents Credit Union building in Winnie.  
To Resolutions Calendars.

**HR 75** (By Darby), Congratulating Dr. Carl Dethloff on his retirement as superintendent of the San Angelo Independent School District.  
To Resolutions Calendars.

**HR 76** (By Meyer), In memory of renowned sports photographer James T. "Brad" Bradley.  
To Resolutions Calendars.

**HR 77** (By Bumgarner), Honoring Mary Kay Walker of Flower Mound on her retirement as president of the Seniors in Motion Auxiliary.  
To Resolutions Calendars.

**HR 79** (By Leo-Wilson), Congratulating the East Chambers High School football team on winning the 2023 Swamp Bowl.  
To Resolutions Calendars.

**HR 80** (By Davis), In memory of Barry Gerard Andrews of Dallas.  
To Resolutions Calendars.

**HR 82** (By Price), In memory of James Reed Lovell of Amarillo.  
To Resolutions Calendars.

**HR 83** (By Price), Commemorating the induction of Biggs Ranch into the Texas Department of Agriculture Family Land Heritage Program.  
To Resolutions Calendars.

**HR 84** (By Price), Commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Ronald McDonald House of Amarillo.

To Resolutions Calendars.

**HR 85** (By Price), Congratulating Ashlynn Howell of White Deer High School on receiving the 2023 American FFA Degree.

To Resolutions Calendars.

**HR 86** (By Lalani), Recognizing the festival of Diwali 2023.

To Resolutions Calendars.

**HR 87** (By Allen), Honoring the Ashley Jadine Foundation on the occasion of its sixth annual Health Fair and 5K Walk.

To Resolutions Calendars.

**HR 88** (By Zwiener), Congratulating U.S. Air Force (Ret.) Lt. Col. George C. Carruthers of San Marcos on his 100th birthday.

To Resolutions Calendars.

**HR 89** (By Zwiener), Congratulating Nancy Hanks Ellis on her induction into the San Marcos Women's Hall of Fame.

To Resolutions Calendars.

**HR 90** (By Zwiener), Congratulating Mittie Miller on her induction into the San Marcos Women's Hall of Fame.

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**HR 98** (By J. Lopez), In memory of Lieutenant Milton Gabriel Resendez of the San Benito Police Department.

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**HR 99** (By Price), Commending Dr. Russell Lowery-Hart for his service as president of Amarillo College.

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**HR 104** (By Herrero), Congratulating Norma Garza Nunez on her retirement from the City of Robstown and Robstown Utility Systems.

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