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PROCEEDINGS

SEVENTH DAY — MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2023

The house met at 4:24 p.m. and was called to order by the speaker.

The roll of the house was called and a quorum was announced present (Record 61).

Present — Mr. Speaker(C); Allen; Allison; Anchía; Anderson; Ashby; Bailes; 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; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dutton; Flores; Frank; Gámez; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; Goldman; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; 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; 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; Rogers; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schaefer; Schatzline; Shaheen; Sherman; Shine; Slawson; Smith; Smithee; Stucky; Swanson; Talarico; Tepper; Thierry; Thimesch; Thompson, E.; Thompson, S.; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Vasut; Vo; Walle; Wilson; Wu; Wiener.

Absent, Excused — Bell, C.; Frazier; Garcia; Harris, C.E.; Leo-Wilson; Schofield; Spiller.

Absent — Davis; Reynolds.

The invocation was offered by the Very Reverend Daniel Liu, chaplain, as follows:

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; he makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies; thou anointest my head with oil, my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever." (Psalm 23, RSV)

Lord, we thank you for the rain and the changing of seasons, for the shelter you provide us, and the food that sustains us. We pray for those who do not have the basic necessities of life. For those around the world who suffer in lands filled with violence. Bless us this new week in our deliberations, interactions, debates, and conversations with charity, truth, justice, and mercy.

The chair recognized Representative Shaheen 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:

C. Bell on motion of Metcalf.

Frazier on motion of Bumgarner.

C.E. Harris on motion of Isaac.

Leo-Wilson on motion of Hayes.

Spiller on motion of DeAyala.

The following member was granted leave of absence for today to attend a funeral:

Schofield on motion of K. Bell.

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

Garcia on motion of Campos.

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

Toth on motion of Harrison.

PROVIDING FOR A CONGRATULATORY AND MEMORIAL CALENDAR RULES SUSPENDED

Representative Geren moved to suspend all necessary rules to allow the chief clerk to prepare and distribute one or more suspension congratulatory and memorial calendars to be considered on dates and times to be determined by the speaker.

The motion prevailed.

REQUEST TO GRANT COMMITTEES PERMISSION TO MEET

Representative Geren moved that the house grant permission for all committees and subcommittees to meet while the house is in session, through and including Thursday, November 2, pursuant to their committee postings.

The outcome of the motion to grant committees permission to meet could not be determined (a quorum not being present) by (Record 62): 64 Yeas, 11 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Allison; Anderson; Bell, K.; Bonnen; Buckley; Bumgarner; Capriglione; Cole; Cook; Craddick; Cunningham; DeAyala; Dorazio; Flores; Frank; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; González, M.; Guillen; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hinojosa; Holland; Howard; Hunter; Isaac; Johnson, A.; King, K.; King, T.; Kitzman; Klick; Kuempel; Landgraf; Leach; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Martinez Fischer; Metcalf; Meyer; Moody; Morales, E.; Morrison; Murr; Noble; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Price; Raymond; Rogers; Schaefer; Schatzline; Shaheen; Shine; Smith; Thimesch; Thompson, E.; Tinderholt; VanDeaver; Vasut; Walle; Wilson.

Nays — Bhojani; Gervin-Hawkins; Goodwin; Johnson, J.D.; Jones, V.; Martinez; Neave Criado; Ramos; Romero; Thompson, S.; Zwiener.

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

Absent, Excused — Bell, C.; Frazier; Garcia; Harris, C.E.; Leo-Wilson; Schofield; Spiller; Toth.

Absent — Allen; Anchía; Bailes; Bernal; Bowers; Bryant; Bucy; Burns; Burrows; Button; Cain; Campos; Canales; Clardy; Collier; Cortez; Darby; Davis; Dean; Dutton; Gámez; Goldman; González, J.; Guerra; Harless; Harris, C.J.; Hernandez; Herrero; Hull; Jetton; Johnson, J.E.; Jones, J.; Kacal; Lalani; Lambert; Longoria; Lozano; Lujan; Manuel; Meza; Morales, C.; Morales Shaw; Muñoz; Oliverson; Ordaz; Ortega; Perez; Plesa; Raney; Reynolds; Rose; Rosenthal; Sherman; Slawson; Smithee; Stucky; Swanson; Talarico; Tepper; Thierry; Troxclair; Turner; Vo; Wu.

STATEMENTS OF VOTE

When Record No. 62 was taken, I was temporarily out of the house chamber. I would have voted yes.

Burns

When Record No. 62 was taken, I was temporarily out of the house chamber. I would have voted yes.

Jetton

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Metcalf moved that the house adjourn until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

The motion prevailed.

The house accordingly, at 4:30 p.m., adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

APPENDIX

ENGROSSED

October 26 - HB 4, HB 6

