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PROCEEDINGS

FOURTH DAY (CONTINUED) — WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2021

The house met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the speaker.

The invocation was offered by Representative Krause as follows:

Lord, thank you so much for this day. We know your word says that we should rejoice in the trials that we face, and even though that seems hard, we know your word also says that trials bring perseverance, perseverance brings character, and character brings hope. And we pray that after this 140-day session, that the people of Texas would have a lot of hope. And we know that if hope is not grounded in you, then it's futile and fleeting. So we pray that we would do all of our work as the Old Testament says—that we would do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you. And as we do that, help us to remember the exhortation in the New Testament to be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry.

During this 140-day session, we pray for health and safety for Speaker Phelan, for Kim, and the four boys. We pray for the other 149 members, their spouses, and their loved ones, that you would protect and keep them safe as well. Today, we especially remember Representative Deshotel as he continues to recover and also our brother and colleague Carl Sherman. We pray for healing on him and just be with him as he recovers from COVID as well.

We ask that you would just help us to do our work as unto you this entire 140-day session. We thank you. We thank you most of all for your son. We thank you that he came from heaven to be born of a virgin, to live a sinless life, but to give himself up for an excruciating death on the cross. But more importantly, we thank you that three days later he rose from the dead, conquering sin and death so we could have a personal relationship with him down here on earth and an eternal home with you in heaven. It's in his precious and holy name we pray all these things. Amen.

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

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED

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

Swanson on motion of Tinderholt.

The following members were granted leaves of absence for today because of important business in the district:

Bernal on motion of Ramos.

Lambert on motion of Geren.

J. Turner on motion of C. Turner.

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 5 - ADOPTED (Hunter - House Sponsor)

The following resolution was laid before the house:

SCR 5, Granting the legislature permission to adjourn for more than three days during the period beginning on Tuesday, January 26, 2021, and ending on Tuesday, February 9, 2021.

SCR 5 was adopted by (Record 29): 133 Yeas, 7 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Allen; Allison; Anderson; Ashby; Bailes; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bonnen; Bowers; Buckley; Bucy; Burns; Burrows; Button; Campos; Canales; Capriglione; Cason; Clardy; Cole; Coleman; Collier; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Crockett; Cyrier; Darby; Davis; Dean; Dominguez; Dutton; Ellzey; Fierro; Frank; Frullo; Gates; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; Goldman; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Hefner; Hernandez; Herrero; Hinojosa; Holland; Howard; Huberty; Hull; Hunter; Israel; Jetton; Johnson, A.; Johnson, J.D.; Johnson, J.E.; Kacal; King, K.; King, P.; King, T.; Klick; Kuempel; Landgraf; Larson; Leach; Leman; Longoria; Lopez; Lozano; Lucio; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Minjarez; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Morrison; Muñoz; Murphy; Murr; Neave; Noble; Oliverson; Ordaz Perez; Ortega; Pacheco; Paddie; Parker; Patterson; Paul; Perez; Price; Ramos; Raney; Raymond; Reynolds; Rodriguez; Rogers; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Sanford; Schofield; Shaheen; Shine; Slaton; Slawson; Smith; Smithee; Stephenson; Stucky; Talarico; Thierry; Thompson, E.; Thompson, S.; Turner, C.; VanDeaver; Vasut; Vo; Walle; White; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Nays — Biedermann; Cain; Krause; Middleton; Schaefer; Tinderholt; Toth.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent, Excused — Anchia; Beckley; Bernal; Deshotel; Lambert; Sherman; Swanson; Turner, J.

STATEMENTS OF VOTE

When Record No. 29 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Shaheen

When Record No. 29 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Slaton

When Record No. 29 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Vasut

When Record No. 29 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

White

PERMANENT OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE APPOINTED

Pursuant to the House Rules and the Housekeeping Resolution, Speaker Phelan announced the appointment of the following permanent officers of the House of Representatives of the Eighty-Seventh Legislature of the State of Texas:

- ParliamentariansSharon Carter and Hugh L. Brady
- Assistant ParliamentarianIkenna Okoro
- Chief ClerkRobert Haney
- Assistant Chief ClerkStephen Brown
- Journal ClerkJennifer Teigen Doran
- Voting ClerkScottie Hagen
- Reading ClerkHaley Hilderbran
- Sergeant-at-ArmsMichael Black
- Assistant Sergeant-at-ArmsAndrew Lee Phinney
- DoorkeeperAnthony M. Hester
- Committee CoordinatorStacey Nicchio
- Assistant Committee Coordinator.Damian Duarte
- Executive Director, House Business OfficeJames L. Freeman

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED

The appointed officers assembled in front of the Reading Clerk's desk, and pursuant to Section 301.006, Government Code, Speaker Phelan administered the constitutional oath of office to the following appointed officers of the House of Representatives of the Eighty-Seventh Legislature of the State of Texas:

Sharon Carter and Hugh L. Brady, Parliamentarians; Ikenna Okoro, Assistant Parliamentarian; Robert Haney, Chief Clerk; Stephen Brown, Assistant Chief Clerk; Jennifer Teigen Doran, Journal Clerk; Haley Hilderbran, Reading Clerk; Michael Black, Sergeant-at-Arms; Andrew Lee Phinney, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms; Anthony M. Hester, Doorkeeper; Stacey Nicchio, Committee Coordinator; and James L. Freeman, Executive Director, House Business Office. (Hugh L. Brady requested to be shown as affirming the oath.)

ADDRESS BY REPRESENTATIVE HINOJOSA

The chair recognized Representative Hinojosa who addressed the house.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Huberty moved that the house adjourn until 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 9 in memory of Tammy Broussard of Humble.

The motion prevailed.

The house accordingly, at 10:16 a.m., adjourned until 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 9.

ADDENDUM

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 27, 2021

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 5 Whitmire SPONSOR: Hunter
Granting the legislature permission to adjourn for more than three days during the period beginning on Tuesday, January 26, 2021, and ending on Tuesday, February 9, 2021.

Respectfully,
Patsy Spaw
Secretary of the Senate