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PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY — SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 2021

In obedience of the proclamation of His Excellency, Greg Abbott, Governor of the State of Texas, convening the 87th Legislature, Second Called Session, to meet in special session at Austin, Texas, the seat of government, on this the 7th day of August 2021, the members of the House of Representatives assembled in the hall of the House of Representatives, and at 12:12 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 not present (Record 1).

Present — Mr. Speaker(C); Allison; Anderson; Ashby; Bailes; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Biedermann; Bonnen; Buckley; Burrows; Button; Cain; Capriglione; Cason; Cook; Craddick; Cyrier; Darby; Frank; Frullo; Geren; Goldman; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Hefner; Herrero; Holland; Hull; Hunter; Jetton; Kacal; King, K.; King, P.; King, T.; Klick; Krause; Kuempel; Lambert; Landgraf; Leach; Leman; Longoria; Lozano; Lucio; Metcalf; Meyer; Middleton; Morales, E.; Morrison; Murphy; Murr; Noble; Oliverson; Parker; Patterson; Paul; Raney; Rogers; Sanford; Schaefer; Schofield; Shaheen; Shine; Slaton; Slawson; Smith; Spiller; Stephenson; Stucky; Swanson; Thompson, E.; Tinderholt; Toth; Turner, J.; VanDeaver; Vasut; White; Wilson.

Absent — Allen; Anchia; Beckley; Bernal; Bowers; Bucy; Burns; Campos; Canales; Clardy; Cole; Coleman; Collier; Cortez; Crockett; Davis; Dean; Deshotel; Dominguez; Dutton; Fierro; Gates; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Howard; Huberty; Israel; Johnson, A.; Johnson, J.D.; Johnson, J.E.; Larson; Lopez; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; Meza; Minjarez; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales Shaw; Muñoz; Neave; Ordaz Perez; Ortega; Pacheco; Paddie; Perez; Price; Ramos; Raymond; Reynolds; Rodriguez; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Sherman; Smithee; Talarico; Thierry; Thompson, S.; Turner, C.; Vo; Walle; Wu; Zwiener.

When Record No. 1 was taken, I was absent because of important business. Had there been a quorum, I would have requested a leave of absence for today.

Burns, Larson, Paddie, and Price

When Record No. 1 was taken, I was absent because of important business in the district. Had there been a quorum, I would have requested a leave of absence for today.

Dean and Smithee

When Record No. 1 was taken, I was absent because of illness. Had there been a quorum, I would have requested a leave of absence for today.

Canales and Clardy

When Record No. 1 was taken, I was absent because of family business. Had there been a quorum, I would have requested a leave of absence for today.

Huberty

The invocation was offered by Representative Leach as follows:

Lord, our hearts today are filled with gratitude for the blessings that you've given each of us, for the privilege to live in this great state, and for the honor of serving in this chamber. Lord, our hearts and our minds this morning are also filled with frustration and possibly even fear and anxiety for what lies before us in the days ahead. So Lord, in this moment, I ask that you fill this place. Lord, that you meet us at the point of our greatest need. Lord, I ask that you rain down on this chamber in a supernatural way to show us the path forward.

God, we're staring right now at a raging ocean of division and hostility in this chamber. But Lord, you're a God who parts the sea, and you command the wind and the waves. God, there's a mountain of anger and frustration in front of us, but you're the God who moves mountains. Lord, there are relationships that are shattered, cords of trust that have been broken. But you, Lord, bring the dead to life, and what is broken, you restore.

So Lord, in this moment, I ask that you move this mountain, that you part this sea, and that you restore what is broken. God, I'm asking today that you perform a miracle in our midst. Lord, in this time of division, we set our eyes upon you. We trust in you, we lean on your faithfulness, we claim your promises, and we rest in your love and in your grace.

I pray for my colleagues, for my fellow legislators, whether they're here in this chamber, Lord, whether they're by the hospital bed of a loved one, or whether they're out on a beach somewhere. For those who are here in this state, for those who are out of this state, for those who may be out of the country, God, I pray that you meet each of us at the point of our need. Convict us of any sin in our lives. God, cleanse us of all unrighteousness. Challenge us and call us according to your purpose. As we begin this special session, this second special session, God, meet us at the point of our need and use us to bring honor to you and blessings to the people of Texas. In Jesus' name we trust, and in your name we pray. Amen.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Meyer moved that the house adjourn until 4 p.m. Monday, August 9.

The motion prevailed.

The house accordingly, at 12:15 p.m., adjourned until 4 p.m. Monday, August 9.