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PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY — WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2023

In obedience of the proclamation of His Excellency, Greg Abbott, Governor of the State of Texas, convening the 88th Legislature, Second Called Session, to meet in special session at Austin, Texas, the seat of government, on this the 28th day of June 2023, the members of the House of Representatives assembled in the hall of the House of Representatives, and at 11:12 a.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; Davis; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dutton; 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; Johnson, A.; Johnson, J.D.; Johnson, J.E.; Jones, J.; Jones, V.; Kacal; King, K.; King, T.; Kitzman; Klick; Kuempel; Lalani; Lambert; Landgraf; Leo-Wilson; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Lozano; Lujan; Manuel; Martinez; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Moody; 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 — Darby; Flores; Jetton, J.; Martinez Fischer; Morales, C.

Absent — Leach.

The invocation was offered by Representative Metcalf as follows:

Dear heavenly Father, I want to thank you for this day. Thank you for the opportunity that we get to serve the great citizens of the great State of Texas. Lord, we ask that you be with our members and our families. We pray for grace, mercy, and peace. Amen.

The chair recognized Representative Capriglione who 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 due to military duty:

J. Jetton on motion of Metcalf.

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

Darby on motion of Shine.

Flores on motion of Ramos.

Martinez Fischer on motion of R. Lopez.

C. Morales on motion of Perez.

(Leach now present)

**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 extraordinary session #2 of the 88th Legislature, to convene in the City of Austin, commencing at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, June 27, 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 to put Texas on a pathway to eliminating school district maintenance and operations property taxes.

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 27th day of June 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.)

COMMITTEE GRANTED PERMISSION TO MEET

Representative Meyer requested permission for the Committee on Ways and Means to meet while the house is in session, at 11:30 a.m. today, in 1W.14, to consider referred and committee business.

Permission to meet was granted.

COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

At 11:17 a.m., the following committee meeting was announced:

Ways and Means, 11:30 a.m. today, 1W.14, for a formal meeting, to consider referred and committee business.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED HOUSE DISTRICT 26

The speaker announced Representative Jacey Jetton was called to active military duty. Pursuant to Article XVI, Section 72, of the Texas Constitution, Representative Jetton appointed Fanny Jetton as temporary acting representative for District 26 (see the addendum to the daily journal, Certificate of Appointment).

Without objection, Fanny Jetton took the constitutional oath of office as temporary acting state representative, which was administered by Speaker Phelan, as follows:

"I, Fanny Jetton, do solemnly swear (or affirm), that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of temporary acting representative of the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this state. So help me God."

(F. Jetton now present)

HOUSE AT EASE

At 11:21 a.m., the chair announced that the house would stand at ease.

Friday, June 30

(A. Johnson in the chair)

The chair called the house to order at 10:01 a.m. Friday, June 30.

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).

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Kuempel moved that the house adjourn until 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 5.

The motion prevailed.

The house accordingly, at 10:02 a.m. Friday, June 30, adjourned until 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 5.

ADDENDUM

**TEMPORARY ACTING REPRESENTATIVE
HOUSE DISTRICT 26**

The following certificate of appointment was submitted for inclusion in the journal:

CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT
of Temporary Acting Representative
Under Section 72, Article XVI, Texas Constitution

Pursuant to Section 72, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, I, JACEY JETTON, a Member of the House of Representatives of the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas, having entered active duty in the armed forces of the United States as a result of being called to duty for a period exceeding 30 days, do hereby appoint FANNY JETTON, who is a member of the same political party as I am and who is qualified in all respects under Section 7, Article III, Texas Constitution, as Temporary Acting Representative for the Twenty-Sixth Representative District.

SIGNED this 7th day of June, 2023.

/s/Jacey Jetton
Member of the House of Representatives

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, 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.

HJR 1 (By Meyer, Burrows, Bonnen, 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.

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

Friday, June 30, 2023

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:

SB 1

Bettencourt

Relating to providing property tax relief through the public school finance system, exemptions, and limitations on taxes and providing franchise tax relief.

SJR 1

Bettencourt

Proposing a constitutional amendment to increase the amount of the exemption from ad valorem taxation by a school district applicable to residence homesteads, to adjust the amount of the limitation on school district ad valorem taxes imposed on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect increases in certain exemption amounts, to provide supplemental payments to full-time classroom teachers in school districts, and to except certain appropriations to pay for school district ad valorem tax relief from the constitutional limitation on the rate of growth of appropriations.

Respectfully,

Patsy Spaw

Secretary of the Senate

