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PROCEEDINGS

SIXTY-THIRD DAY (CONTINUED) — FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2005

The house met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the speaker.

The roll of the house was called and a quorum was announced present (Record 516).

Present — Mr. Speaker; Allen, A.; Allen, R.; Alonzo; Anderson; Bailey; Baxter; Berman; Blake; Bohac; Bonnen; Branch; Brown, B.; Brown, F.; Burnam; Callegari; Campbell; Casteel; Castro; Chavez; Chisum; Coleman; Cook, B.; Cook, R.; Corte; Crabb; Crownover; Davis, J.; Davis, Y.; Dawson; Delisi; Denny; Deshotel; Driver; Dukes; Dunnam; Dutton; Edwards; Eiland; Eissler; Elkins; Farabee; Flores; Flynn; Frost; Gallego; Gattis; Geren; Giddings; Gonzales; Gonzalez Toureilles; Goodman; Goolsby; Griggs; Grusendorf; Guillen; Haggerty; Hamilton; Hamric; Hardcastle; Harper-Brown; Hartnett; Hegar; Herrero; Hilderbran; Hill; Hochberg; Hodge; Homer; Hope; Hopson; Howard; Hughes; Hunter; Hupp; Isett; Jackson; Jones, D.; Jones, J.; Keel; Keffer, B.; Keffer, J.; King, P.; King, T.; Kolkhorst; Krusee; Kuempel; Laney; Laubenberg; Leibowitz; Luna; Madden; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McCall; McClendon; McReynolds; Menendez; Merritt; Miller; Moreno, P.; Morrison; Mowery; Naishtat; Nixon; Noriega, M.; Oliveira; Olivo; Orr; Otto; Paxton; Peña; Phillips; Pitts; Puente; Quintanilla; Raymond; Reyna; Riddle; Ritter; Rodriguez; Rose; Seaman; Smith, T.; Smith, W.; Smithee; Solis; Solomons; Strama; Straus; Swinford; Talton; Taylor; Thompson; Truitt; Turner; Uresti; Van Arsdale; Veasey; Villarreal; Vo; West; Wong; Zedler.

Absent, Excused — Anchia; Escobar; Farrar; Pickett; Woolley.

The invocation was offered by Reverend Demotis Sherman, Jr., pastor, Antioch Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, as follows:

Before we enter into our moment of prayer, we certainly want to take time this morning to remember Representative Moreno. I'm reminded of a passage of scripture that the Lord says in Psalms in times like these when questions surface, when things come up in our lives, be still and know that he is God. I think that's the best advice for today and this tragedy of a life that was taken at a young age. Be still and know that God is God. Let us pray.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come. We come before thy throne of mercy with our heads bowed and our hearts humbled. We bless your holy name for this, another day's journey. We know not what this day holds, but your word reminds us that in you we live, we move, and we have our being. We thank you for the privilege to live in America and for the blessing to be called Texans. Forgive us this day our debts as we forgive our debtors.

Lord, I pray that as this session begins that you will remind those under the sound of my voice of the awesome task that is before them. The decisions that will be made and the laws that will be set in motion this day, let them be found pleasing in your sight. I realize that we are but frail creatures so help these who sit before me today to look toward heaven for divine sanction.

You are Emmanuel, God with us. So because you are with us, we ask your help this day. We pray for Governor Perry and his cabinet, and we ask your blessings for the President of these United States. Lord, whether we be Democrat or Republican, we are but one nation under God. And we thank you for salvation that came through Jesus Christ, and Lord before we end this prayer, we lift up the family, and the friends, and the acquaintances of this colleague—of this young man from Harris County, Representative Joe Moreno. We ask it all in the name of our Saviour, Jesus who is the Christ, Amen.

IN MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE JOE E. MORENO

The speaker recognized Representative Thompson, Representative P. Moreno, and Representative Dunnam to offer tribute and lead the house in prayer and a moment of silence in memory of the Honorable Joe E. Moreno.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED

The following members were granted leaves of absence for today because of illness:

Anchia on motion of Gonzales.

Farrar on motion of Gonzales.

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

Escobar on motion of Gonzales.

Pickett on motion of Solomons.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Turner moved that the house adjourn until 8 a.m. Monday, May 9 in memory of the Honorable Joe E. Moreno.

The motion prevailed.

The house accordingly, at 9:36 a.m., adjourned until 8 a.m. Monday, May 9.

APPENDIX

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Favorable reports have been filed by committees as follows:

May 5

Civil Practices - **HB 1294**