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## PROCEEDINGS

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TWENTY-FOURTH DAY — MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2009

The house met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the speaker.

The roll of the house was called and a quorum was announced present (Record 38).

Present — Mr. Speaker; Allen; Alonzo; Alvarado; Anchia; Anderson; Aycock; Berman; Bohac; Bolton; Bonnen; Branch; Brown, B.; Brown, F.; Burnam; Button; Callegari; Castro; Chavez; Chisum; Christian; Cohen; Coleman; Cook; Corte; Crabb; Craddick; Creighton; Crownover; Darby; Davis, J.; Davis, Y.; Deshotel; Driver; Dukes; Dunnam; Dutton; Edwards; Eiland; Eissler; Elkins; England; Farias; Farrar; Fletcher; Flores; Flynn; Frost; Gallego; Geren; Giddings; Gonzales; Gonzalez Toureilles; Guillen; Gutierrez; Hamilton; Hancock; Hardcastle; Harless; Harper-Brown; Hartnett; Heflin; Hernandez; Herrero; Hilderbran; Hochberg; Hodge; Homer; Hopson; Howard, C.; Howard, D.; Hughes; Hunter; Isett; Jackson; Jones; Keffer; Kent; King, P.; King, S.; King, T.; Kleinschmidt; Kolkhorst; Kuempel; Laubenberg; Legler; Leibowitz; Lewis; Lucio; Madden; Maldonado; Mallory Caraway; Marquez; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McCall; McClendon; McReynolds; Menendez; Merritt; Miklos; Miller, D.; Miller, S.; Moody; Morrison; Naishtat; Oliveira; Olivo; Orr; Ortiz; Otto; Parker; Patrick; Paxton; Peña; Phillips; Pickett; Pierson; Pitts; Quintanilla; Raymond; Riddle; Rios Ybarra; Ritter; Rodriguez; Rose; Sheffield; Shelton; Smith, T.; Smith, W.; Smithee; Solomons; Strama; Swinford; Taylor; Thibaut; Thompson; Truitt; Turner, C.; Turner, S.; Veasey; Villarreal; Vo; Walle; Weber; Woolley; Zerwas.

Absent, Excused — Gattis; Vaught.

Absent — Farabee.

The invocation was offered by Dean Kilmer, pulpit minister, College Street Church of Christ, Waxahachie, as follows:

Our dear Heavenly Father, we come before you with thankful hearts as we enjoy the great blessings you provide, the beauty of the earth, the sun, moon, stars, the oceans, and the forest, all which you have created. Father, we are also thankful for this nation which you have blessed.

We come before you with thanks for all these great men and women who serve our state and our nation. Father, our hearts today are filled with love and concern for our nation and its future.

Our prayer today is not for ourselves, but for coming generations. Most of us in this assembly have children and even grandchildren, and Father, the work done by this body will impact the lives of all of those children. Father, we know that if the next generation is to be a great generation with a better state to live in and a stronger nation to serve, this body of men and women must be people of great moral courage. So we pray that you will give them the wisdom to look at every piece of legislation and every decision from the standpoint of what is best for our people and especially for our children. Give them the strength to set aside all party allegiance, all personal desires, all selfish ambitions so they can act with hearts of righteousness filled with a desire to bless future generations.

Father, give each person here the wisdom to make decisions that are best for the future of our great state. Please give each individual in this room a heart of true love and compassion which will enable them to have the courage to understand that righteousness exalts a nation, while sin is a reproach to any people. Father, we need people with great hearts. Give these representatives a strength that radiates from hearts filled with righteousness and integrity. Tom Brokaw called the World War II generation the greatest generation referring to their courage, loyalty, and determination in protecting our nation. Dear God, this nation needs another great generation; please help the men and women of this assembly to become the building blocks for future great generations. In the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

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

(Farabee now present)

### **CAPITOL PHYSICIAN**

The speaker recognized Representative B. Brown who presented Dr. Douglas Curran of Athens as the "Doctor for the Day."

The house welcomed Dr. Curran and thanked him for his participation in the Physician of the Day Program sponsored by the Texas Academy of Family Physicians.

### **LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED**

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

Vaught on motion of Hochberg.

The following member was granted leave of absence for today because of illness in the family:

Gattis on motion of Phillips.

### **BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER**

Notice was given at this time that the speaker had signed bills and resolutions in the presence of the house (see the addendum to the daily journal, Signed by the Speaker, House List No. 7 and Senate List No. 8).

(Deshotel in the chair)

**REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS SUSPENDED**

On motion of Representative Chisum and by unanimous consent, the reading and referral of bills was postponed until just prior to adjournment.

**HR 663 - ADOPTED  
(by Giddings)**

Representative Giddings moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 663**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 663**, Recognizing Dean Kilmer as Pastor of the Day for March 2, 2009.

**HR 663** was adopted.

On motion of Representative Giddings, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 663** as signers thereof.

(Speaker in the chair)

**HR 592 - ADOPTED  
(by Crownover)**

Representative Crownover moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 592**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 592**, Recognizing March 2, 2009, as Little Elm Day at the State Capitol.

**HR 592** was read and was adopted.

**HR 668 - ADOPTED  
(by Hamilton)**

Representative Hamilton moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 668**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 668**, Recognizing March 1 to 3, 2009, as Golden Triangle Days at the State Capitol.

**HR 668** was read and was adopted.

On motion of Representative Ritter, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 668** as signers thereof.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

The speaker recognized Representative Hamilton who introduced a delegation from the Golden Triangle area.

**HR 662 - ADOPTED**  
**(by Miklos)**

Representative Miklos moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 662**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 662**, Congratulating Linda Muhl on her retirement from Horn High School in Mesquite.

**HR 662** was adopted.

**HR 659 - ADOPTED**  
**(by Ritter)**

Representative Ritter moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 659**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 659**, Honoring Tracy Byrd for his charitable work in Southeast Texas.

**HR 659** was read and was adopted.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

The speaker recognized Representative Ritter who introduced Tracy Byrd and Floyd Domino.

**HR 682 - ADOPTED**  
**(by Dutton)**

Representative Dutton moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 682**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 682**, Honoring the Knights of Peter Claver and its ladies auxiliary on its luncheon and fashion gala on March 7, 2009.

**HR 682** was adopted.

**HR 683 - ADOPTED**  
**(by Hughes)**

Representative Hughes moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 683**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 683**, Congratulating George Wilkins on his retirement from the Upshur-Gregg Soil and Water Conservation District board of directors.

**HR 683** was adopted.

**HR 681 - ADOPTED  
(by Branch)**

Representative Branch moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 681**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 681**, Commemorating Texas Independence Day, on March 2, 2009.

**HR 681** was read and was adopted.

**COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

The following committee meeting was announced:

Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence, upon adjournment today, E2.010, for a public hearing.

**COMMITTEE GRANTED PERMISSION TO MEET**

Representative Hochberg requested permission for the Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Education, to meet while the house is in session, during bill referral today, in E1.030, to continue the recessed meeting.

Permission to meet was granted.

**RULES SUSPENDED**

Representative Giddings moved to suspend all necessary rules to allow the Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Business and Economic Development, to consider LBB recommendations.

The motion prevailed.

**COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

The following committee meeting was announced:

Appropriations, Subcommittee on Business and Economic Development, 8 a.m. Thursday, March 5, E2.012, for a public hearing, to consider LBB recommendations.

**FIVE-DAY POSTING RULE SUSPENDED**

Representative Gallego moved to suspend the five-day posting rule to allow the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence to consider **HB 107**, **HB 124**, **HB 126**, **HB 214**, and **HB 616** at the regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday.

The motion prevailed.

(Herrero in the chair)

**COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

The following committee meeting was announced:

County Affairs is cancelled.

**HR 671 - ADOPTED  
(by Flores)**

Representative Flores moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 671**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 671**, Congratulating Mayor John David Franz of Hidalgo on his selection as 2009 Border Texan of the Year.

**HR 671** was adopted.

**COMMITTEES GRANTED PERMISSION TO MEET**

Representative Merritt requested permission for the Committee on Public Safety to meet while the house is in session, during bill referral today, in E2.014, for a public hearing, to consider posted legislation.

Permission to meet was granted.

Representative T. Smith requested permission for the Committee on Elections to meet while the house is in session, during bill referral today, in E2.028, to consider invited testimony.

Permission to meet was granted.

Representative Deshotel requested permission for the Committee on Business and Industry to meet while the house is in session, during bill referral today, in E2.026, for a public hearing, to hear invited testimony.

Permission to meet was granted.

**PROVIDING FOR ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Sheffield moved that, at the conclusion of the reading of bills and resolutions on first reading and referral to committees, the house adjourn until 10 a.m. tomorrow in memory of the Honorable Jamie Hager Clements of Temple.

The motion prevailed.

**BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING  
AND REFERRAL TO COMMITTEES  
RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES  
CORRECTIONS IN REFERRAL**

Bills and joint resolutions were at this time laid before the house, read first time, and referred to committees. Resolutions were at this time laid before the house and referred to committees. Pursuant to Rule 1, Section 4 of the House Rules, the chair at this time corrected the referral of measures to committees. (See the addendum to the daily journal, Referred to Committees, List No. 1.)

(McClendon in the chair)

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**ADJOURNMENT**

In accordance with a previous motion, the house, at 3:42 p.m., adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

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**ADDENDUM**

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**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 9** (By Truitt), Relating to local options regarding transportation and mobility improvement projects in certain counties.

To Transportation.

**HB 1330** (By Maldonado), Relating to a legislative outreach program requiring members of the legislature to visit public schools.

To Public Education.

**HB 1331** (By Maldonado), Relating to the frequency of required school bus emergency evacuation training.

To Public Education.

**HB 1332** (By Maldonado), Relating to responsibility for public school textbooks and technological equipment and to failure by students to return textbooks or technological equipment.

To Public Education.

**HB 1333** (By Lucio), Relating to the use of public school counselors' work time.

To Public Education.

**HB 1334** (By Lucio), Relating to the employment of certified counselors by school districts.

To Public Education.

**HB 1335** (By Gonzalez Toureilles), Relating to procedures for certain persons charged with certain new offenses or an administrative violation of a condition of release from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice on parole or to mandatory supervision.

To Corrections.

**HB 1336** (By Hilderbran), Relating to the disclosure and increase of credit card interest rates and fees.

To Business and Industry.

**HB 1337** (By Hilderbran), Relating to eligibility for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the residence homestead of a person.

To Ways and Means.

**HB 1338** (By Leibowitz), Relating to certain civil actions against persons who file complaints with governmental agencies or quasi-governmental entities.

To Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

**HB 1339** (By Leibowitz), Relating to the registration of certain golf carts with the Texas Department of Transportation.

To Transportation.

**HB 1340** (By Bonnen), Relating to an exemption from Texas Commission on Fire Protection training requirements for certain aircraft fire fighting and rescue fire protection personnel.

To Urban Affairs.

**HB 1341** (By B. Brown), Relating to the recovery of certain rate case expenses by a water and sewer utility.

To Natural Resources.

**HB 1342** (By Menendez), Relating to adoption of certain information technology.

To Insurance.

**HB 1343** (By Menendez), Relating to blind and disabled pedestrians and failure of the operator of a motor vehicle to yield the right-of-way.

To Transportation.

**HB 1344** (By Menendez), Relating to the creation of an advisory committee to assist the board of trustees of the Texas Municipal Retirement System.

To Pensions, Investments, and Financial Services.

**HB 1345** (By Menendez), Relating to titles by which certain officers of a defense base development authority may be known.

To Defense and Veterans' Affairs.

**HB 1346** (By Quintanilla), Relating to the terms of office of certain elected members of the board of trustees of the Employees Retirement System of Texas.

To Pensions, Investments, and Financial Services.

**HB 1347** (By Quintanilla), Relating to the installation of nitrous oxide systems on vehicles intended for use on public roads.

To Transportation.

**HB 1348** (By Christian), Relating to initial claims under the unemployment compensation system.

To Business and Industry.

**HB 1349** (By Vaught), Relating to the supervision of juvenile case managers.

To Corrections.

**HB 1350** (By Vaught), Relating to money paid into the registry of a court in certain counties.

To Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

**HB 1351** (By Vaught), Relating to the administration of the Juvenile Justice Case Management System.

To Corrections.

**HB 1352** (By Vaught), Relating to minimum standards for juvenile case managers.

To Corrections.

**HB 1353** (By Vaught), Relating to permitting certain military attorneys to represent military personnel and their dependents in civil proceedings before the courts of this state.

To Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

**HB 1354** (By Vaught), Relating to the issuance of a search warrant for a blood specimen from certain persons arrested for certain intoxication offenses.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

**HB 1355** (By Guillen), Relating to a program for the recycling of electronic equipment of consumers and certain other entities in this state; providing administrative penalties.

To Environmental Regulation.

**HB 1356** (By Isett), Relating to exemptions from the requirements governing real estate brokers and salespersons.

To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

**HB 1357** (By Isett), Relating to the regulation of freestanding emergency medical care facilities; providing an administrative penalty; creating an offense.

To Public Health.

**HB 1358** (By Keffer), Relating to the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas.

To Public Health.

**HB 1359** (By Anchia), Relating to the making or acceptance of political contributions in a courthouse; providing penalties.

To Elections.

**HB 1360** (By Anchia), Relating to the effect under the public information law of the disclosure of certain information by a prosecutor to defense counsel.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

**HB 1362** (By Gutierrez), Relating to the reporting of methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*.

To Public Health.

**HB 1363** (By Gutierrez), Relating to a voluntary statewide diabetes mellitus registry.

To Public Health.

**HB 1364** (By Eissler), Relating to coverage of preexisting conditions by certain group health benefit coverage programs for active school employees.

To Public Education.

**HB 1365** (By Eissler), Relating to service records of professional staff employed by school districts and payment of compensation based on those records.

To Public Education.

**HB 1366** (By Jackson), Relating to ballot language in an election authorizing the issuance of bonds for hospital district system improvements.

To County Affairs.

**HB 1367** (By Otto), Relating to the powers and duties of the Liberty Lakes Fresh Water Supply District No. 1; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds; granting the power of eminent domain.

To Natural Resources.

**HB 1368** (By Otto), Relating to the powers and duties of the Plum Creek Fresh Water Supply District No. 1; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds; granting the power of eminent domain.

To Natural Resources.

**HB 1369** (By Rodriguez), Relating to unfair claim settlement practices by an insurer that issues a preferred provider benefit plan.

To Insurance.

**HB 1370** (By Rodriguez), Relating to the use of certain insurance policy forms in connection with a preferred provider benefit plan.

To Insurance.

**HB 1371** (By Rodriguez), Relating to prohibiting accepting federal funding for abstinence-only education.

To Public Health.

**HB 1372** (By Shelton), Relating to the definition of victim in relation to certain crime victims' rights.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

**HB 1373** (By D. Howard), Relating to the waiver of sovereign immunity for claims based on retaliation against a nurse for engaging in protected patient advocacy activities.

To Public Health.

**HB 1374** (By Anderson), Relating to the application of certain demand charges by transmission and distribution utilities to certain schools and nonprofit athletic or sports associations.

To State Affairs.

**HB 1375** (By Thompson), Relating to staff development training for certain public school personnel regarding student disciplinary procedures.

To Public Education.

**HB 1376** (By Thompson), Relating to the collection and allocation of local sales and use taxes.

To Ways and Means.

**HB 1377** (By Thompson), Relating to the reallocation of local sales and use taxes.

To Ways and Means.

**HB 1378** (By Thompson), Relating to the recovery by an electric utility of certain expenses relating to weather-related events or natural disasters.

To State Affairs.

**HB 1379** (By Y. Davis), Relating to the provision of HIV and AIDS tests and to health benefit plan coverage of HIV and AIDS tests.

To Public Health.

**HB 1380** (By Y. Davis), Relating to health benefit plan coverage of HIV and AIDS tests.

To Public Health.

**HB 1381** (By Y. Davis), Relating to the provision of HIV and AIDS tests.

To Public Health.

**HB 1382** (By Y. Davis), Relating to assessment of certain charges by a commercial landlord that is a governmental entity.

To Business and Industry.

**HB 1383** (By Y. Davis), Relating to access to certain information under the public information law concerning public officers and employees.

To State Affairs.

**HB 1384** (By Y. Davis), Relating to authorizing certain nature centers to charge admission fees.

To Urban Affairs.

**HB 1385** (By Y. Davis), Relating to the assessment of damages to a property owner from condemnation.

To Land and Resource Management.

**HB 1386** (By Y. Davis), Relating to the reporting of health care-associated infections at health care facilities.

To Public Health.

**HB 1387** (By Y. Davis), Relating to hearing requirements for the adoption of certain rules by a board of trustees of certain school districts.

To Public Education.

**HB 1388** (By Y. Davis), Relating to a fee charged by a consumer reporting agency for the placement, removal, or temporary lifting of a security freeze on the consumer file of certain elderly persons.

To Business and Industry.

**HB 1389** (By Y. Davis), Relating to the acquisition of real property for public use.

To Urban Affairs.

**HB 1390** (By Rose), Relating to access by the members of electric cooperatives to meetings of the boards of directors and certain information of the electric cooperatives.

To State Affairs.

**HB 1391** (By Strama), Relating to the creation and authority of certain special districts to promote the use of renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvements; authorizing the issuance of bonds.

To Energy Resources.

**HB 1392** (By Leibowitz), Relating to required procedures regarding the ranking of physicians by health benefit plan issuers.

To Public Health.

**HB 1393** (By Leibowitz), Relating to an exemption for certain facilities from the child-care licensing requirements.

To Human Services.

**HB 1394** (By Leibowitz), Relating to disclosure of certain information by certain registries for home health, hospice, or personal assistance services.

To Human Services.

**HB 1395** (By Farrar), Relating to the offenses of cruelty to livestock animals and cruelty to nonlivestock animals.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

**HB 1396** (By Farrar), Relating to the punishment prescribed for burglary of a vehicle and to grants of community supervision to persons who commit that offense.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

**HB 1397** (By Guillen), Relating to venue projects in certain municipalities.

To Urban Affairs.

**HB 1398** (By Guillen), Relating to a pilot project to establish a comprehensive single point of entry for long-term services and supports provided to the aged and physically disabled individuals.

To Human Services.

**HB 1399** (By Guillen), Relating to the powers and duties of a municipal court judge with respect to certain inquests.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

**HB 1400** (By Christian), Relating to the creation of a public integrity unit in the office of the attorney general to prosecute offenses against public administration, including ethics offenses, and offenses involving insurance fraud.

To State Affairs.

**HB 1401** (By Villarreal), Relating to an appeal from an order of an appraisal review board determining a protest.

To Ways and Means.

**HB 1402** (By Villarreal), Relating to a periodic review of state and local taxes.

To Ways and Means.

**HB 1403** (By Villarreal), Relating to the repeal of state sales tax and franchise tax refunds for certain ad valorem tax payers.

To Ways and Means.

**HB 1404** (By Miklos), Relating to the establishment and use of a columbarium by a church.

To Public Health.

**HB 1405** (By Geren), Relating to the licensing and regulation of landmen by the Texas Real Estate Commission.

To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

**HB 1406** (By Geren), Relating to practices and professions regulated by the Texas Real Estate Commission.

To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

**HB 1407** (By Geren), Relating to the redemption of real property sold at an ad valorem tax sale.

To Ways and Means.

**HB 1408** (By Hopson), Relating to the state contribution to and certain annuities under the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

To Pensions, Investments, and Financial Services.

**HB 1409** (By Hopson), Relating to the minimum patient age for administration of an immunization or vaccination by a pharmacist.

To Public Health.

**HB 1410** (By Ortiz), Relating to student information required to be provided at the time of enrollment in public schools.

To Public Education.

**HB 1411** (By Jones), Relating to records of certain frivolous complaints maintained by the Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying.

To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

**HB 1412** (By Bohac), Relating to participation in the process for evaluating an application for a low income housing tax credit.

To Urban Affairs.

**HB 1413** (By Bohac), Relating to the definition of a junked vehicle under the public nuisance law.

To Urban Affairs.

**HB 1414** (By Bohac), Relating to requiring a voter to present proof of identification.

To Elections.

**HB 1415** (By Crabb), Relating to the design and issuance of license plates for United States paratroopers.

To Transportation.

**HB 1416** (By Leibowitz), Relating to a health coverage or compensation supplementation program for active school employees.

To Pensions, Investments, and Financial Services.

**HB 1417** (By Leibowitz), Relating to an exemption from the sales tax for certain renewable energy systems and related equipment.

To Ways and Means.

**HB 1418** (By Rose), Relating to health benefit plan coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of eating disorders.

To Insurance.

**HB 1419** (By B. Brown), Relating to an application to run for political office.

To Elections.

**HB 1420** (By Orr), Relating to the regulation by the Railroad Commission of Texas of the transportation of drilling mud; providing an administrative penalty.

To Energy Resources.

**HB 1421** (By Corte), Relating to the use of certain court costs in a criminal case for municipal programs enhancing public safety and security.

To Urban Affairs.

**HB 1422** (By Villarreal), Relating to the requirements for a funeral establishment license.

To Public Health.

**HB 1423** (By Guillen), Relating to granting charters to public junior colleges for open-enrollment charter schools.

To Public Education.

**HB 1424** (By Leibowitz), Relating to the procedure for the disannexation of territory from a municipality.

To Land and Resource Management.

**HB 1425** (By Lewis), Relating to the determination of the population of a county required to develop a juvenile justice alternative education program.

To Public Education.

**HB 1426** (By Bohac), Relating to the establishment of a pilot program in certain counties to require health and human services providers to provide screening to prevent fetal alcohol spectrum disorders.

To Public Health.

**HB 1427** (By Bohac), Relating to exempting fuel ethanol derived from cellulosic biomass and blended with gasoline from the motor fuels tax.

To Ways and Means.

**HB 1428** (By Bohac), Relating to the construction or operation of chemical dependency treatment facilities near certain residential and community properties.

To Urban Affairs.

**HB 1429** (By Bohac), Relating to notification requirements for applicants for low income housing tax credits.

To Urban Affairs.

**HB 1430** (By Bohac), Relating to a time and date stamp on documentation required from mobile food units in certain municipalities.

To Urban Affairs.

**HB 1431** (By Bohac), Relating to an exemption from the sales tax for renewable energy technology.

To Ways and Means.

**HB 1432** (By Jackson), Relating to a landowner's repurchase of real property from an entity that acquired the property through condemnation.

To Land and Resource Management.

**HB 1433** (By Lucio), Relating to the amount of the annual water quality fee imposed on holders of wastewater discharge permits and on users of water.

To Natural Resources.

**HB 1434** (By Lucio), Relating to the use of money in the watermaster fund.

To Appropriations.

**HB 1435** (By Castro), Relating to policies concerning the use of school counselors' work time.

To Public Education.

**HB 1436** (By Burnam), Relating to depositing revenue received by this state from undocumented immigrants to the indigent emergency medical services and preventative health care reimbursement fund.

To Public Health.

**HB 1437** (By Bolton), Relating to toll collection by the Texas Department of Transportation.

To Transportation.

**HB 1438** (By Bolton), Relating to the conversion of a nontolled state highway or segment of the state highway system to a toll project.

To Transportation.

**HB 1439** (By Bolton), Relating to the use of county and municipal bond proceeds for toll projects.

To Transportation.

**HB 1440** (By Bolton), Relating to erecting an off-premise sign adjacent to and visible from certain roads.

To Transportation.

**HB 1441** (By Eissler), Relating to the relationship between and operation of the Texas Education Agency and regional education service centers.

To Public Education.

**HB 1442** (By Hancock), Relating to the operation of certain managed care plans regarding out-of-network health care providers.

To Insurance.

**HB 1443** (By Hancock), Relating to the age limit for a beginning position in a fire department in certain municipalities under municipal civil service.

To Urban Affairs.

**HB 1444** (By Aycock), Relating to the definition of an agricultural business for the purposes of the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority.

To Agriculture and Livestock.

**HB 1445** (By Bonnen), Relating to the authority of certain political subdivisions to erect or maintain shore protection structures and the location of the line of vegetation in relation to those structures.

To Land and Resource Management.

**HB 1446** (By Allen), Relating to the consideration of the cumulative effects of air contaminant emissions in the emissions permitting process.

To Environmental Regulation.

**HB 1447** (By Allen), Relating to monitoring, permitting, and reducing emissions of certain air contaminants and pollutants.

To Environmental Regulation.

**HB 1448** (By Allen), Relating to the requirements for voter registration.

To Elections.

**HB 1449** (By Farias), Relating to the construction and expansion of toll projects by private entities in certain areas.

To Transportation.

**HB 1450** (By Rodriguez), Relating to the disposal and reuse of coal combustion waste.

To Environmental Regulation.

**HB 1451** (By Rodriguez), Relating to the use of municipal hotel occupancy tax revenue for affordable housing.

To Ways and Means.

**HB 1452** (By Eissler), Relating to participation in job training and employment assistance programs by veterans and other covered persons.

To Defense and Veterans' Affairs.

**HB 1453** (By Naishtat), Relating to long-term care consumer information made available through the Internet.

To Human Services.

**HB 1454** (By Naishtat), Relating to the establishment of a volunteer-supported decision-making advocate pilot program for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities and persons with other cognitive disabilities.

To Human Services.

**HB 1455** (By D. Howard), Relating to the award of attorney's fees, costs, and certain damages in a proceeding to revoke a medical power of attorney.

To Public Health.

**HB 1456** (By Zerwas), Relating to the creation of the Fort Bend-Waller Counties Municipal Utility District No. 2; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds; granting a limited power of eminent domain.

To Natural Resources.

**HB 1457** (By Hochberg), Relating to procedures concerning voter registration.

To Elections.

**HB 1458** (By Y. Davis), Relating to insurance rates for residential property insurance policyholders at least 65 years of age.

To Insurance.

**HB 1459** (By Y. Davis), Relating to the right of certain insurance policyholders to choose an agent.

To Insurance.

**HB 1460** (By Paxton), Relating to the contents of an application for probate of a written will.

To Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

**HB 1461** (By Paxton), Relating to the contents of an application for probate of a will as a muniment of title.

To Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

**HB 1462** (By Pickett), Relating to leave for certain state employees who volunteer or participate in training for Court Appointed Special Advocates.

To Human Services.

**HB 1463** (By Kolkhorst), Relating to the authority of the Public Utility Commission of Texas to order certain electric providers to provide power to other electric providers during a natural disaster or declared emergency.

To State Affairs.

**HB 1464** (By Kolkhorst), Relating to the right of certain municipalities to offer electric services within the service area of another certificate holder.

To State Affairs.

**HB 1465** (By Paxton), Relating to the joinder of a tax lien transferee in a suit to collect a delinquent ad valorem tax.

To Ways and Means.

**HB 1466** (By Swinford), Relating to the theft of a military grave marker.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

**HB 1467** (By Chisum), Relating to the purchase or lease by state agencies of vehicles using alternative fuels.

To Energy Resources.

**HB 1468** (By Chisum), Relating to the regulation of funeral homes, cemeteries, and crematories; providing a criminal penalty.

To Public Health.

**HB 1469** (By Villarreal), Relating to the preparation of carbon dioxide emissions impact statements for legislation pending before the legislature.

To Environmental Regulation.

**HB 1470** (By Thibaut), Relating to a requirement that school districts notify employees regarding entitlement to leave time in circumstances involving assault.

To Public Education.

**HB 1471** (By Thibaut), Relating to foreclosure sales of residential real property.

To Business and Industry.

**HB 1472** (By Jones), Relating to the offense of cruelty to nonlivestock animals.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

**HB 1473** (By Geren), Relating to the application of certain requirements affecting certain subdivision golf courses.

To Land and Resource Management.

**HB 1474** (By Geren), Relating to the operation and regulation of charitable bingo and the use of bingo proceeds.

To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

**HB 1475** (By Sheffield), Relating to the election of directors of the Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District.

To Natural Resources.

**HB 1476** (By Sheffield), Relating to capital stock and surplus requirements for certain insurance companies.

To Insurance.

**HB 1477** (By Marquez), Relating to the transportation allotment provided under the public school finance system.

To Appropriations.

**HB 1478** (By Bohac), Relating to the reporting of information regarding debt incurred for necessary medical treatment.

To Business and Industry.

**HB 1479** (By Madden), Relating to the state virtual school network.

To Public Education.

**HB 1480** (By Madden), Relating to the use of video conferencing systems in certain criminal proceedings.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

**HB 1481** (By Madden), Relating to certain offenses regarding the possession or use of a cellular telephone by an inmate or defendant in a correctional or detention facility and to the detection and monitoring of that possession or use.

To Corrections.

**HB 1482** (By Pitts), Relating to the creation of the offense of assault with bodily fluids, the prosecution and punishment of that offense, and the consequences of a conviction for that offense.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

**HB 1483** (By Pitts), Relating to the use of eminent domain authority.

To Land and Resource Management.

**HB 1484** (By Pitts), Relating to the use of certain professional titles by interior designers.

To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

**HB 1485** (By Pitts), Relating to performance assessments of certain state agencies.

To State Affairs.

**HB 1486** (By Pitts), Relating to the authority to establish, operate, and maintain a foreign trade zone and subzones in Ellis County.

To Technology, Economic Development, and Workforce.

**HB 1487** (By Pitts), Relating to the alignment of certain Medicaid procedures regarding written orders for diabetic equipment and supplies with comparable Medicare written order procedures.

To Public Health.

**HB 1488** (By Thompson), Relating to the summoning of jurors to justice of the peace courts in certain counties.

To Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

**HB 1489** (By Thompson), Relating to the practice of nursing; providing civil penalties.

To Public Health.

**HB 1490** (By Driver), Relating to injury leave and related benefits for certain state peace officers injured in the course of performance of duty.

To Public Safety.

**HB 1491** (By Driver), Relating to exemption from application of the Private Security Act of certain peace officers employed by a law enforcement agency.

To Public Safety.

**HB 1492** (By Driver), Relating to achievement awards presented by the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education.

To Public Safety.

**HB 1493** (By T. King), Relating to the use of certain devices in a polling place.

To Elections.

**HB 1494** (By T. King), Relating to a surcharge under the driver responsibility program for a conviction of driving while license invalid, without financial responsibility, or without a valid license.

To Transportation.

**HB 1495** (By T. King), Relating to the inclusion of public school employees in the group of persons protected from harassment in the public schools.

To Public Education.

**HB 1496** (By T. King), Relating to the transportation allotment provided under the public school finance system.

To Appropriations.

**HB 1497** (By T. King), Relating to the depository of the Maverick County Hospital District and to the investment of the district's money.

To County Affairs.

**HB 1498** (By T. King), Relating to the information required to be displayed on a license to carry a concealed handgun and the duty of a license holder to keep that information current.

To Public Safety.

**HB 1499** (By T. King), Relating to the installation and disabling or removal of an ignition interlock device.

To Public Safety.

**HB 1500** (By T. King), Relating to certain exceptions to the prohibition on hunting from a public road or right-of-way.

To Culture, Recreation, and Tourism.

**HB 1501** (By T. King), Relating to information provided by a superintendent or principal regarding the performance of a school district or campus employee to a prospective employer of the employee.

To Public Education.

**HB 1502** (By Veasey), Relating to tuition exemptions at public institutions of higher education for dependents of certain military personnel deployed in combat zones.

To Defense and Veterans' Affairs.

**HB 1503** (By Veasey), Relating to the high school graduation requirements.

To Public Education.

**HB 1504** (By McClendon), Relating to the normal distribution channel of a prescription drug.

To Public Health.

**HB 1505** (By Ortiz), Relating to ownership of a license or permit authorizing the sale of alcoholic beverages at a facility owned by a municipality or county.

To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

**HB 1506** (By Herrero), Relating to conditions of release on bond for certain defendants charged with an offense involving family violence.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

**HB 1507** (By Bolton), Relating to authorizing certain populous counties to adopt noise regulations; providing criminal and civil penalties.

To County Affairs.

**HB 1508** (By Bolton), Relating to a restriction on permits authorizing direct discharges of waste or pollutants into water in certain areas associated with the Barton Springs segment of the Edwards Aquifer.

To Natural Resources.

**HB 1509** (By Bonnen), Relating to motor vehicles used for fire, emergency, or disaster response purposes.

To Ways and Means.

**HB 1510** (By Bonnen), Relating to including information on Sudden Infant Death Syndrome in a resource pamphlet for parents of newborn children.

To Public Health.

**HB 1511** (By Otto), Relating to requirements that fire sprinkler systems be installed in certain dwellings.

To Insurance.

**HB 1512** (By Herrero), Relating to use of weighted average daily attendance in computing the high school allotment under the Foundation School Program.

To Public Education.

**HB 1513** (By W. Smith), Relating to construction contract trust funds and the misapplication of those funds.

To Business and Industry.

**HB 1514** (By Deshotel), Relating to the definition of supplemental environmental projects.

To Environmental Regulation.

**HB 1515** (By Mallory Caraway), Relating to sanctions that may be imposed under certain circumstances on academically unacceptable public school campuses.

To Public Education.

**HB 1516** (By Kent), Relating to the calculation of the rollback tax rate of a school district.

To Ways and Means.

**HB 1517** (By Eissler), Relating to the powers and duties of the Montgomery County Hospital District.

To County Affairs.

**HB 1518** (By Corte), Relating to the addition of territory to and the amount of production fees imposed by the Trinity Glen Rose Groundwater Conservation District.

To Natural Resources.

**HB 1519** (By Vo), Relating to the disconnection of electric services to certain customers.

To State Affairs.

**HB 1520** (By Rose), Relating to state educational mandates imposed on school districts.

To Public Education.

**HB 1521** (By Rose), Relating to the prohibition of off-premise signs on certain roads.

To Transportation.

**HB 1522** (By Alvarado), Relating to a requirement that a chain restaurant disclose nutrition information; providing an administrative penalty.

To Public Health.

**HB 1523** (By Alvarado), Relating to a prohibition of foods containing trans fat; providing an administrative penalty.

To Public Health.

**HB 1524** (By Alvarado), Relating to prohibiting the manufacture and sale of certain children's products containing bisphenol-A or certain other substances.

To Public Health.

**HB 1525** (By Alvarado), Relating to disclosure by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality of information related to emissions events.

To Environmental Regulation.

**HB 1526** (By Crownover), Relating to the authority of a common purchaser that transports natural gas by pipeline to use a public right-of-way for a pipeline.

To Energy Resources.

**HB 1527** (By Crownover), Relating to the creation of an additional judicial district composed of Denton County.

To Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

**HB 1528** (By C. Turner), Relating to the determination of the amount of payment on certain claims under residential property insurance policies.

To Insurance.

**HB 1529** (By Hughes), Relating to the service retirement annuity for certain members of the Judicial Retirement System of Texas Plan Two.

To Pensions, Investments, and Financial Services.

**HB 1530** (By Button), Relating to the licensing and regulation of health-related pest control by the Department of Agriculture.

To Agriculture and Livestock.

**HB 1531** (By Bolton), Relating to the amount of the fee paid by a defendant for a peace officer's services in executing or processing an arrest warrant, capias, or capias pro fine.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

**HB 1532** (By Bolton), Relating to the punishment for theft of copper or brass material.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

**HB 1533** (By Burnam), Relating to notice of and action on applications for permits to drill certain gas wells.

To Energy Resources.

**HB 1534** (By Burnam), Relating to the property valuation information required to be provided regarding property to be acquired by eminent domain.

To Land and Resource Management.

**HB 1535** (By Burnam), Relating to the requirement that gas corporations obtain a permit from the Railroad Commission of Texas before condemning property to construct certain gas pipelines.

To Energy Resources.

**HB 1536** (By Burnam), Relating to the elimination of the power of eminent domain for certain gas corporations when constructing a pipeline for the gathering or transmission of natural gas.

To Land and Resource Management.

**HB 1537** (By Burnam), Relating to safety requirements applicable to gas pipelines in certain counties.

To Energy Resources.

**HB 1538** (By Burnam), Relating to the authority of certain municipalities or counties to adopt and enforce safety standards applicable to certain gas pipelines.

To Energy Resources.

**HB 1539** (By Hartnett), Relating to the availability of certain school district financial information on districts' Internet websites.

To Public Education.

**HB 1540** (By Hartnett), Relating to license requirements for certain child-care programs operated by public or private schools.

To Human Services.

**HB 1541** (By S. Turner), Relating to improving application and eligibility determination processes and efficiencies for certain benefits programs.

To Human Services.

**HB 1542** (By Patrick), Relating to notice concerning the residency of sex offenders in certain health care facilities.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

**HB 1543** (By Callegari), Relating to the criteria for review by the Sunset Advisory Commission of an agency that licenses an occupation.

To State Affairs.

**HB 1544** (By Miklos), Relating to court proceedings for a plea of guilty or nolo contendere for a misdemeanor punishable by fine only.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

**HB 1545** (By Miklos), Relating to the reinstatement of a firefighter or police officer following a decision rendered by the Fire Fighters' and Police Officers' Civil Service Commission or an independent third party hearing examiner.

To Urban Affairs.

**HB 1546** (By Creighton), Relating to the authorization for a local option election in Montgomery County to limit the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead to 103 percent or more of the appraised value of the property for the preceding tax year for purposes of ad valorem taxation by each political subdivision all of the territory of which is located in the county.

To Ways and Means.

**HB 1547** (By Creighton), Relating to the provision by an appraisal district of certain information on an Internet website operated by the district.

To Ways and Means.

**HB 1548** (By Creighton), Relating to the qualifications of members of an appraisal district board of directors.

To Ways and Means.

**HB 1549** (By McClendon), Relating to the creation, organization, duties, and functions of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles; providing a penalty.

To Transportation.

**HB 1550** (By Herrero), Relating to the tuition and fee exemption available to certain military personnel and to permitting those personnel to transfer the exemption to a child.

To Defense and Veterans' Affairs.

**HB 1551** (By Herrero), Relating to the appointment of additional official court reporters for the district courts in Nueces County.

To Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

**HB 1552** (By Herrero), Relating to social security coverage for employees of public school districts.

To Public Education.

**HB 1553** (By Burnam), Relating to the development of a climate adaptation plan by certain entities.

To Environmental Regulation.

**HB 1554** (By McClendon), Relating to the pension retirement system in certain municipalities for firefighters and police.

To Pensions, Investments, and Financial Services.

**HB 1555** (By Patrick), Relating to public school finance.

To Public Education.

**HB 1556** (By Ortiz), Relating to local public health and public safety alerts.

To Defense and Veterans' Affairs.

**HB 1557** (By W. Smith), Relating to the authority of certain toll project entities to enter into a comprehensive development agreement.

To Transportation.

**HB 1558** (By Martinez Fischer), Relating to certain criminal penalties and civil consequences for defendants convicted of an offense of graffiti and for juveniles adjudicated as having engaged in conduct involving graffiti.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

**HB 1559** (By Martinez Fischer), Relating to the frequency of required school bus emergency evacuation training.

To Public Education.

**HB 1560** (By Aycock), Relating to the duty of certain municipalities to require an installer of an irrigation system to obtain a permit before installing the system.

To Urban Affairs.

**HB 1561** (By Aycock), Relating to discount programs for certain veterans provided by toll project entities.

To Defense and Veterans' Affairs.

**HB 1562** (By Aycock), Relating to the confidentiality of investigation records of the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners and clarification of the regulatory authority of the board.

To Agriculture and Livestock.

**HB 1563** (By Patrick), Relating to the number of charters the State Board of Education may grant for open-enrollment charter schools.

To Public Education.

**HB 1564** (By England), Relating to the eligibility for unemployment benefits of individuals who are unemployed due to certain labor disputes.

To Business and Industry.

**HB 1565** (By England), Relating to monetary assistance for substitute care provided to a child by a relative caregiver.

To Human Services.

**HB 1566** (By England), Relating to the authority of municipalities to regulate natural gas compressor station structures.

To Land and Resource Management.

**HB 1567** (By Villarreal), Relating to abstinence education in public schools.

To Public Education.

**HB 1568** (By Gonzales), Relating to authorizing an exemption from tuition and fees charged by a junior college district for employees of the district.

To Higher Education.

**HB 1569** (By Thompson), Relating to equal access to places of public accommodation.

To Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

**HB 1570** (By Thompson), Relating to reimbursement under preferred provider benefit plans for services provided by licensed podiatrists.

To Insurance.

**HB 1571** (By Thompson), Relating to actions in a justice court regarding the repair of residential rental property.

To Business and Industry.

**HB 1572** (By Thompson), Relating to the imposition of statutory damages against a debt collector or third-party debt collector for improper debt collection activities.

To Pensions, Investments, and Financial Services.

**HB 1573** (By Thompson), Relating to a requirement that a recipient of money from the Texas Enterprise Fund provide a health benefit plan for its employees.

To Technology, Economic Development, and Workforce.

**HB 1574** (By Thompson), Relating to the creation of a statewide autism spectrum disorders resource center.

To Human Services.

**HB 1575** (By Isett), Relating to ad valorem tax relief.

To Ways and Means.

**HB 1576** (By Isett), Relating to certain limitations on ad valorem tax rates of certain taxing units.

To Ways and Means.

**HB 1577** (By Isett), Relating to the pricing of certain health care goods and services and to the compensation of certain health insurance agents; providing an administrative penalty.

To Public Health.

**HB 1578** (By Isett), Relating to the establishment of a medical reinsurance system and to certain insurance reforms necessary to the efficient operation of that system; providing an administrative penalty.

To Insurance.

**HB 1579** (By Gonzales), Relating to a county's removal of flood water resulting from a natural disaster in certain communities.

To Border and Intergovernmental Affairs.

**HB 1580** (By Flynn), Relating to the continuation and functions of the board of directors of the official cotton growers' boll weevil eradication foundation.

To Agriculture and Livestock.

**HB 1581** (By Flynn), Relating to the creation of an additional judicial district composed of Van Zandt County.

To Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

**HB 1582** (By Flynn), Relating to certain investments by insurance companies and related organizations.

To Insurance.

**HB 1583** (By Flynn), Relating to the abolishment of the Office of State-Federal Relations as an independent agency and the transfer of the duties and functions of that agency to the office of the governor.

To Border and Intergovernmental Affairs.

**HB 1584** (By Rodriguez), Relating to a study regarding the establishment and administration of a legislative youth advisory council in this state.

To Higher Education.

**HB 1585** (By Rose), Relating to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of a portion of the appraised value of the residence homesteads of certain volunteer firefighters, emergency medical services volunteers, and individuals serving as foster parents.

To Ways and Means.

**HB 1586** (By Rose), Relating to the content of certain supplemental guide signs on Interstate Highway 35.

To Transportation.

**HB 1587** (By Rose), Relating to a voluntary identification system for certain devices with the appearance of a fire hydrant that are nonfunctioning or otherwise unavailable for use in a fire emergency.

To Urban Affairs.

**HB 1588** (By Rose), Relating to erecting an off-premise sign adjacent to and visible from certain roads.

To Transportation.

**HB 1589** (By Rose), Relating to the creation of a strategic plan to reform long-term services and supports for individuals with disabilities.

To Human Services.

**HB 1590** (By Rose), Relating to consecutive sentences for certain offenses involving injury to a child, an elderly individual, or a disabled individual and arising out of the same criminal episode.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

**HB 1591** (By Hamilton), Relating to exempting sales of certain hurricane preparation supplies in certain counties from the sales tax for a limited period.

To Ways and Means.

**HB 1592** (By Rose), Relating to the prohibition of off-premise signs on certain roads.

To Transportation.

**HB 1594** (By Anchia), Relating to regulation of property and casualty insurance rates.

To Insurance.

**HB 1595** (By T. King), Relating to a documented member of the Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas hunting certain deer.

To Culture, Recreation, and Tourism.

**HB 1596** (By Zerwas), Relating to the creation of the Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 204; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds; granting a limited power of eminent domain.

To Natural Resources.

**HB 1597** (By Zerwas), Relating to the creation of the Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 202; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds; granting a limited power of eminent domain.

To Natural Resources.

**HB 1598** (By Zerwas), Relating to the creation of the Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 203; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds; granting a limited power of eminent domain.

To Natural Resources.

**HB 1599** (By Zerwas), Relating to the creation of the Waller County Municipal Utility District No. 15; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds; granting a limited power of eminent domain.

To Natural Resources.

**HB 1600** (By Zerwas), Relating to the creation of the Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 201; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds; granting a limited power of eminent domain.

To Natural Resources.

**HB 1601** (By Zerwas), Relating to the creation of the Waller County Municipal Utility District No. 13; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds; granting a limited power of eminent domain.

To Natural Resources.

**HB 1602** (By Maldonado), Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for Texas State University–San Marcos for the Round Rock Higher Education Center in Williamson County.

To Higher Education.

**HB 1603** (By Maldonado), Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for Texas State University–San Marcos for the Round Rock Higher Education Center in Williamson County.

To Higher Education.

**HB 1604** (By S. Turner), Relating to this state's goal for energy efficiency, including load management and demand response in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas.

To State Affairs.

**HB 1605** (By Swinford), Relating to the authority of the commissioners court of a county to enter into an ad valorem tax abatement agreement.

To Ways and Means.

**HB 1606** (By Branch), Relating to the regulation of the practice of construction and program management for capital improvement projects of governmental entities.

To State Affairs.

**HB 1607** (By Flynn), Relating to compensation and employment benefits for members of the Texas State Guard called to state active duty.

To Defense and Veterans' Affairs.

**HB 1608** (By Madden), Relating to donations of juror reimbursements.  
To Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

**HB 1609** (By Vaught), Relating to requiring the prior approval of residential property rates used by certain insurers.  
To Insurance.

**HB 1610** (By Vaught), Relating to the waiver of state park entrance fees for active or retired peace officers.  
To Culture, Recreation, and Tourism.

**HCR 61** (By Herrero), Urging congress to repeal the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision of the Social Security Act.  
To Pensions, Investments, and Financial Services.

**HCR 62** (By Anderson), Extending appreciation to former president George W. Bush for his service to our state and nation.  
To Rules and Resolutions.

**HCR 63** (By Anderson), Honoring former first lady Laura Bush and welcoming her back to Texas.  
To Rules and Resolutions.

**HCR 64** (By Isett), Urging the Congress of the United States to oppose any efforts to adopt the Employee Free Choice Act or any similar legislation.  
To Technology, Economic Development, and Workforce.

**HCR 66** (By Berman), Memorializing Congress in defense of the Tenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, affirming the right of states to nullify acts of Congress, executive orders, and judicial orders, and asserting that any act, executive order, or judicial order that assumes a power not delegated to the federal government by the U.S. Constitution and which diminishes the liberty of any state or citizen shall constitute a nullification of the Constitution.  
To State Affairs.

**HCR 67** (By Farabee), Urging the United States Congress to maintain state regulatory coverage of hydraulic fracturing.  
To Energy Resources.

**HCR 68** (By Homer), In memory of Leslie Nix of Clarksville.  
To Rules and Resolutions.

**HCR 69** (By Homer), In memory of Douglas Keith Parsons of Pattonville.  
To Rules and Resolutions.

**HCR 70** (By Edwards), Directing the Texas Department of Transportation to construct an exit ramp for Cullen Boulevard off westbound IH-610 South.  
To Transportation.

**HCR 71** (By Kolkhorst), Designating the Burton Cotton Gin & Museum as the official Cotton Gin Museum of Texas.  
To Culture, Recreation, and Tourism.

**HCR 72** (By D. Howard), Designating Lago Vista as the Entrepreneurial Capital of Texas.

To Culture, Recreation, and Tourism.

**HCR 73** (By Raymond), Memorializing Congress to propose and submit to the states for ratification an amendment to the United States Constitution to provide for a federal balanced budget.

To Appropriations.

**HCR 74** (By Raymond), Memorializing the United States Congress not to privatize the Social Security program.

To Appropriations.

**HCR 75** (By Lucio), Urging congress to explore alternatives to border security in South Texas other than the fencing described in the Secure Fence Act.

To Border and Intergovernmental Affairs.

**HCR 76** (By Berman), Memorializing Congress in defense of the Tenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, affirming the right of states to nullify acts of Congress, executive orders, and judicial orders, and calling for the creation of a joint committee to communicate with other states about the limits of federal power.

To State Affairs.

**HCR 77** (By Merritt), In memory of Rose Shipton Pickens Kirkpatrick of Longview.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HCR 79** (By Guillen), Memorializing Congress to refine Department of Homeland Security policy to consider risk levels as well as population size in assessing the financial needs of first responders in border communities along the international boundary created by the Rio Grande.

To Border and Intergovernmental Affairs.

**HJR 9** (By Truitt), Proposing a constitutional amendment allowing the expenditure of motor vehicle fuel taxes and registration fees for passenger rail, transit, and freight rail.

To Transportation.

**HJR 13** (By Leibowitz), Proposing a constitutional amendment dedicating certain revenue derived from motor fuel taxes to the construction of public highways.

To Ways and Means.

**HJR 14** (By Corte), Proposing a constitutional amendment to limit the public taking of private property.

To Land and Resource Management.

**HJR 16** (By Branch), Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring any increase in a franchise tax rate to be approved by three-fourths of all the members elected to each house of the legislature.

To Ways and Means.

**HJR 20** (By Anderson), Proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the right to hunt and fish.

To Culture, Recreation, and Tourism.

**HJR 23** (By Naishtat), Proposing a constitutional amendment to require that a record vote be taken by a house of the legislature on second reading of a bill or resolution for which a record vote is currently required on final passage and on adoption of an amendment or substitute to such a bill or resolution, and that a vote taken by a legislative committee on such a bill or resolution or on an amendment or substitute to such a bill or resolution be by record vote.

To State Affairs.

**HJR 24** (By Naishtat), Proposing a constitutional amendment relating to a moratorium on the execution of persons convicted of capital offenses.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

**HJR 26** (By Alonzo), Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the election of district judges from election subdistricts.

To Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

**HJR 27** (By Berman), Proposing a constitutional amendment to establish English as the official language of Texas and require that official acts of government be taken in English.

To State Affairs.

**HJR 29** (By Elkins), Proposing a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to override a veto of the governor following a legislative session.

To State Affairs.

**HJR 30** (By Anderson), Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring any increase in a rate of the franchise tax be approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house of the legislature.

To Ways and Means.

**HJR 31** (By Anderson), Proposing a constitutional amendment to prohibit the state or a political subdivision of the state from taking private property for the primary purpose of economic development or to benefit a particular private party.

To Land and Resource Management.

**HJR 32** (By Berman), Proposing a constitutional amendment to establish English as the official language of Texas and require that official acts of government be taken in English.

To State Affairs.

**HJR 33** (By Gattis), Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the house of representatives to provide for the removal of the speaker.

To State Affairs.

**HJR 37** (By Raymond), Proposing a constitutional amendment to dedicate net revenue from the state lottery to certain public school purposes to offset other revenue used for that purpose.

To Appropriations.

**HJR 38** (By P. King), Proposing a constitutional amendment regarding the rainy day fund and dedicating certain surplus revenues to property tax reduction.  
To Ways and Means.

**HJR 39** (By Allen), Post-ratifying Amendment XXIV to the Constitution of the United States prohibiting the denial or abridgment of the right to vote for failure to pay any poll tax or other tax.  
To Elections.

**HJR 66** (By Christian), Proposing a constitutional amendment to permit the attorney general to prosecute offenses against public administration, including ethics offenses, and offenses involving insurance fraud.  
To State Affairs.

**HJR 67** (By Creighton), Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to provide for a local option election in Montgomery County to limit the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead to 103 percent or more of the appraised value of the property for the preceding tax year for purposes of ad valorem taxation by each political subdivision all of the territory of which is located in the county.  
To Ways and Means.

**HJR 68** (By Rose), Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation a portion of the assessed value of the residence homesteads of volunteer firefighters, emergency medical services volunteers, and individuals serving as foster parents.  
To Ways and Means.

**HR 649** (By Zerwas), Recognizing the West I-10 Chamber of Commerce.  
To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 650** (By Zerwas), In memory of Royce Hopkins of Brookshire.  
To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 652** (By Chisum), Honoring Ware Chevrolet Buick Pontiac on the 60th anniversary of its founding.  
To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 653** (By Alvarado), Congratulating H. Thomas Kornegay on his retirement as executive director of the Port of Houston Authority.  
To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 654** (By Peña), Recognizing the Department of Rehabilitation at The University of Texas—Pan American.  
To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 655** (By Peña), In memory of Lloyd Jefferson "Bob" Roberts, Jr., of Edinburg.  
To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 656** (By Thibaut), Congratulating Elsie Huang on the occasion of her retirement as president of the Asian Chamber of Commerce in Houston.  
To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 657** (By Hughes), Congratulating Chris Banks of Mineola on his receipt of the East Texas Heroes Award.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 660** (By Rose), Honoring the Blanco High School speech and debate teams for their victories at two UIL tournaments in January 2009.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 664** (By Castro), Congratulating David McKinnon White on becoming an Eagle Scout.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 665** (By Castro), Honoring the cadets of the Junior ROTC program at John F. Kennedy High School in San Antonio for their achievements and contributions to their community.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 666** (By Castro), Congratulating Adriano M. Gonzalez on earning a 2009 Texas Exes Award for Outstanding Teachers.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 669** (By Hamilton), Congratulating Alana Peddy on earning the title of 2007-2008 Elementary School Teacher of the Year from the Little Cypress-Mauriceville Consolidated Independent School District.

To Rules and Resolutions.

**HR 672** (By Gattis), Recognizing members of the Austin Area Life Affirming Coalition who are visiting the State Capitol on March 10, 2009.

To Rules and Resolutions.

Pursuant to Rule 1, Section 4 of the House Rules, the chair corrects the referral of the following bills and resolutions:

**HB 67** (By Lucio), Relating to a medical assistance buy-in program for children with certain developmental disabilities.

To Human Services.

**HB 492** (By Zerwas), Relating to the expansion of faith- and community-based health and human services and social services initiatives.

To Public Health.

**HB 762** (By Creighton), Relating to filing a wage claim.

To Technology, Economic Development, and Workforce.

**HB 1013** (By Corte), Relating to the authority of a county to regulate the installation and use of lighting in certain areas.

To Defense and Veterans' Affairs.

#### **SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER**

The following bills and resolutions were today signed in the presence of the house by the speaker:

**House List No. 7**

**HCR 55**

**Senate List No. 8**

**SCR 9, SCR 26, SCR 27**

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**APPENDIX**

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