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## PROCEEDINGS

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FIFTH DAY — WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2015

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

The roll of the house was called and a quorum was announced present (Record 16).

Present — Mr. Speaker; Allen; Alonzo; Alvarado; Anchia; Anderson, C.; Anderson, R.; Ashby; Aycocock; Bell; Blanco; Bohac; Bonnen, D.; Bonnen, G.; Burkett; Burns; Burrows; Button; Canales; Capriglione; Clardy; Coleman; Collier; Cook; Craddick; Crownover; Dale; Darby; Davis, S.; Davis, Y.; Deshotel; Dukes; Dutton; Elkins; Faircloth; Fallon; Farias; Farney; Farrar; Fletcher; Flynn; Frank; Frullo; Galindo; Geren; Giddings; Goldman; Gonzales; González; Guerra; Guillen; Gutierrez; Harless; Hernandez; Herrero; Howard; Huberty; Hughes; Hunter; Isaac; Israel; Johnson; Kacal; Keffer; Keough; King, K.; King, P.; King, S.; King, T.; Klick; Koop; Krause; Kuempel; Landgraf; Larson; Laubenberg; Leach; Longoria; Lozano; Lucio; Márquez; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McClendon; Metcalf; Meyer; Miles; Miller, D.; Miller, R.; Moody; Morrison; Muñoz; Murphy; Murr; Naishtat; Nevárez; Oliveira; Otto; Paddie; Parker; Paul; Peña; Phelan; Phillips; Pickett; Price; Raney; Raymond; Reynolds; Riddle; Rinaldi; Rodriguez, E.; Rodriguez, J.; Romero; Rose; Sanford; Schaefer; Schofield; Shaheen; Sheets; Sheffield; Simmons; Simpson; Smith; Smithee; Spitzer; Springer; Stephenson; Stickland; Thompson, E.; Thompson, S.; Tinderholt; Turner, C.; Turner, S.; VanDeaver; Villalba; Vo; Walle; White, J.; White, M.; Workman; Wray; Wu; Zedler; Zerwas.

Absent, Excused — Menéndez; Turner, E.S.

The speaker recognized Representative Metcalf who introduced Dr. Dale Talbert, senior pastor, Fellowship of Montgomery, Montgomery, who offered the invocation as follows:

Heavenly Father, with the beginning of this new day, we bow to acknowledge you as our Lord and the one who has authority over all. Scripture teaches that all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God. (Romans 13:1) So on behalf of these men and women assembled before me, I call on you and give you thanks. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you as we serve the people of the great State of Texas.

There have been many who have preceded these men and women in this room, and as long as you tarry, there will be others to follow in their footsteps. But Heavenly Father, at this time in history, you have chosen this group and entrusted them with the sacred responsibility of serving and representing the people of Texas. Today these men and women will, once again, seek to faithfully

fulfill your calling upon their lives. So on behalf of the people of Texas, I pray you will bless our leaders. Bless them with the wisdom you promise to generously provide as we call on you. Guard their health and their home life. Reward them for their work and the sacrifice they have made. Cause each of them to grow in their love for you and the people they came here to serve. And in all that we do, may we do it for the glory of God and the good of others. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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

### **LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED**

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

Menéndez on motion of Lozano.

E. S. Turner on motion of Shaheen.

### **CAPITOL PHYSICIAN**

The speaker recognized Representative Larson who presented Dr. Mitch Finnie of San Antonio as the "Doctor for the Day."

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

(Burns in the chair)

### **HR 144 - ADOPTED (by Naishtat)**

Representative Naishtat moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 144**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 144**, Congratulating Jim and May Schmidt of Austin on their 50th wedding anniversary.

**HR 144** was adopted.

### **LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED**

The following member was granted leave of absence for the remainder of today because of important business in the district:

Hughes on motion of Frank.

### **HR 142 - ADOPTED (by Isaac)**

Representative Isaac moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 142**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 142**, Honoring retired U.S. Army Colonel David Michael Annen, Sr., for his military service, on the occasion of his 62nd birthday.

**HR 142** was read and was adopted.

On motion of Representative D. Miller, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 142** as signers thereof.

### **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

The chair recognized Representative Isaac who introduced Colonel David Michael Annen, Sr., (ret.) and members of his family.

#### **HCR 44 - ADOPTED (by D. Miller)**

Representative D. Miller moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HCR 44**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HCR 44**, In memory of U.S. Army Sergeant Gilberto Lopez Sanchez of New Braunfels.

**HCR 44** was read and was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

On motion of Representatives C. Anderson and Button, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HCR 44** as signers thereof.

#### **HR 145 - ADOPTED (by Alonzo)**

Representative Alonzo moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 145**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 145**, Commemorating the grand opening of the Dallas Area Campus of Sistema Universitario Ana G. Méndez.

**HR 145** was adopted.

#### **HCR 45 - ADOPTED (by Geren)**

Representative Geren moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HCR 45**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HCR 45**, Granting the legislature permission to adjourn for more than three days during the period beginning on Thursday, January 22, 2015, and ending on Monday, January 26, 2015.

**HCR 45** was adopted by (Record 17): 136 Yeas, 0 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Allen; Alonzo; Alvarado; Anchia; Anderson, C.; Anderson, R.; Ashby; Aycock; Bell; Blanco; Bohac; Bonnen, D.; Bonnen, G.; Burkett; Burrows; Button; Canales; Capriglione; Clardy; Coleman; Collier; Cook; Craddick; Crownover; Dale; Darby; Davis, S.; Davis, Y.; Deshotel; Dukes; Elkins; Faircloth; Fallon; Farias; Farney; Fletcher; Flynn; Frank; Frullo; Galindo; Geren; Giddings; Goldman; Gonzales; González; Guerra; Guillen; Gutierrez; Harless; Hernandez; Herrero; Howard; Huberty; Hunter; Isaac; Israel; Johnson; Kacal; Keffer; Keough; King, K.; King, P.; King, S.; King, T.; Klick; Koop; Kuempel; Landgraf; Larson; Laubenberg; Leach; Longoria; Lozano; Lucio; Márquez; Martínez Fischer; Metcalf; Meyer; Miles; Miller, D.; Miller, R.; Morrison; Muñoz; Murphy; Murr; Naishtat; Nevárez; Oliveira; Otto; Paddie; Parker; Paul; Peña; Phelan; Phillips; Pickett; Price; Raney; Raymond; Reynolds; Riddle; Rinaldi; Rodriguez, E.; Rodriguez, J.; Romero; Rose; Sanford; Schaefer; Schofield; Shaheen; Sheets; Sheffield; Simmons; Simpson; Smith; Smithee; Spitzer; Springer; Stephenson; Stickland; Thompson, E.; Thompson, S.; Tinderholt; Turner, C.; Turner, S.; VanDeaver; Villalba; Vo; Walle; White, J.; White, M.; Workman; Wray; Wu; Zedler; Zerwas.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Burns(C).

Absent, Excused — Hughes; Menéndez; Turner, E.S.

Absent — Dutton; Farrar; Krause; Martinez; McClendon; Moody.

### ADJOURNMENT

Representative Koop moved that the house adjourn until 12 p.m. Monday, January 26.

The motion prevailed.

The house accordingly, at 10:38 a.m., adjourned until 12 p.m. Monday, January 26.