HOUSE JOURNAL

EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE, REGULAR SESSION

PROCEEDINGS

ELEVENTH DAY — MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2017

The house met at 2:02 p.m. and was called to order by the speaker.

The roll of the house was called and a quorum was announced present (Record 26).

Present — Mr. Speaker(C); Allen; Alonzo; Alvarado; Anchia; Anderson, C.; Anderson, R.; Arévalo; Ashby; Bailes; Bell; Bernal; Biedermann; Blanco; Bohac; Bonnen, D.; Bonnen, G.; Burkett; Burns; Burrows; Button; Cain; Canales; Capriglione; Coleman; Collier; Cook; Cortez; Cosper; Craddick; Cyrier; Dale; Darby; Davis, S.; Davis, Y.; Dean; Dukes; Dutton; Elkins; Faircloth; Fallon; Flynn; Frank; Frullo; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; Giddings; Goldman; Gonzales; González; Gooden; Guerra; Guillen; Gutierrez; Hefner; Hernandez; Herrero; Hinojosa; Holland; Howard; Huberty; Hunter; Isaac; Israel; Johnson, E.; Johnson, J.; Kacal; Keough; King, K.; King, P.; King, T.; Klick; Koop; Krause; Kuempel; Lambert; Landgraf; Lang; Larson; Laubenberg; Leach; Longoria; Lozano; Lucio; Martinez; Metcalf; Meyer; Miller; Minjarez; Moody; Morrison; Muñoz; Murphy; Murr; Neave; Nevárez; Oliveira; Oliverson; Ortega; Parker; Paul; Perez; Phelan; Phillips; Pickett; Price; Raney; Raymond; Reynolds; Rinaldi; Roberts; Rodriguez, E.; Rodriguez, J.; Romero; Rose; Sanford; Schaefer; Schofield; Schubert; Shaheen; Shine; Simmons; Springer; Stephenson; Stickland; Stucky; Swanson; Thierry; Thompson, E.; Thompson, S.; Tinderholt; Turner; Uresti; VanDeaver; Villalba; Vo; Walle; White; Wilson; Workman; Wray; Wu; Zedler; Zerwas.

Absent, Excused — Clardy; Farrar; Sheffield; Smithee.

Absent — Deshotel: Paddie.

The speaker recognized Representative Stucky who introduced Tommy Nelson, senior pastor, Denton Bible Church, Denton, who offered the invocation as follows:

Our great God, you are the king of the heaven and the earth, the sea and the dry land. You have made all, and you have made us—our hearts and our conscience in the image of God that guides and informs us. Your nature is the source and standard of right by which we govern; your word lights our path. By wisdom doth the king rule. For your foundation that has founded our nation and gave us honor as a new thing in the earth, we thank you and to you we are indebted. Ours is a day especially that needs the clarity and providence of your guidance.

Illumine and guide these men and women that we have chosen to represent us to mediate thy law to us, that we might live lawfully, safely, and mercifully and that you might then be pleased to glorify thyself in blessing our people. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we do ask it. Amen.

The speaker recognized Representative Lang 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:

Clardy on motion of Flynn.

Smithee on motion of Flynn.

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

Sheffield on motion of E. Thompson.

The following member was granted leave of absence for today because of important personal business:

Farrar on motion of Turner.

CAPITOL PHYSICIAN

The speaker recognized Representative Phelan who presented Dr. Farron Hunt of Beaumont as the "Doctor for the Day."

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

(Hinojosa in the chair)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

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

Deshotel on motion of Phelan.

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. 2).

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Representative Frullo moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time the following congratulatory resolutions.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolutions were laid before the house:

HR 186 (by Frullo), Congratulating James Lloyd Bentley of Lubbock on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

HR 187 (by Frullo), Congratulating Matthew Lane Ragain of Lubbock on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

HR 188 (by Frullo), Congratulating Daniel Isaiah Robinson of Boy Scouts of America Troop No. 157 in Lubbock on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

The resolutions were adopted.

On motion of Representative Price, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 186**, **HR 187**, and **HR 188** as signers thereof.

HR 317 - ADOPTED (by Metcalf)

Representative Metcalf moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 317**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 317, Recognizing February 6, 2017, as 9-1-1 Day at the State Capitol.

HR 317 was adopted.

On motion of Representatives Bell and Keough, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 317** as signers thereof.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Kuempel moved that the house adjourn until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

The motion prevailed.

The house accordingly, at 2:25 p.m., adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

ADDENDUM

SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER

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

House List No. 2

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