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PROCEEDINGS

THIRD DAY — FRIDAY, JULY 7, 2023

The house met at 9:02 a.m. and, pursuant to Rule 1, Section 10, of the House Rules and an order signed by Speaker Phelan (see the addendum to the daily journal), was called to order by Representative Meyer.

The roll of the house was called and a quorum was announced present (Record 4).

Present — Mr. Speaker; 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; Darby; Davis; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dutton; Flores; Frank; Frazier; 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; Jetton, F.; Johnson, A.; Johnson, J.D.; Johnson, J.E.; Jones, J.; Jones, V.; Kacal; King, K.; King, T.; Kitzman; Klick; Kuempel; Lalani; Lambert; Landgraf; Leach; Leo-Wilson; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Lozano; Lujan; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; Metcalf; Meyer(C); Meza; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Morrison; Muñoz; Murr; Neave Criado; Noble; Oliverson; Ordaz; Orr; Ortega; Patterson; Paul; Perez; Plesa; Price; Ramos; 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 — Raney.

Absent — Gámez; Longoria.

The invocation was offered by Representative Metcalf as follows:

Dear heavenly Father, I want to thank you for this day. Thank you for this opportunity that we get to represent our constituents for the great State of Texas. Please be with our families, be with the citizens of Texas, and our nation and our world. Amen.

The chair recognized Representative Gervin-Hawkins who led the house in the pledges of allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

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

Raney on motion of Noble.

COMMITTEES GRANTED PERMISSION TO MEET

Representative Metcalf moved that the house grant permission for all committees and subcommittees to meet while the house is in session, through and including Tuesday, July 11, pursuant to their committee postings.

Permission to meet was granted.

PROVIDING FOR ADJOURNMENT

At 9:06 a.m., Representative Metcalf moved that, at the conclusion of the reading of bills and resolutions on first reading and referral to committees, the receipt of messages, and completion of administrative tasks, the house adjourn until 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 11 in memory of Maia Marie Grace Sherman.

The motion prevailed.

Monday, July 10

(Metcalf in the chair)

The chair called the house to order at 11:55 a.m. Monday, July 10.

**MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
OF THE STATE OF TEXAS**

The chair laid before the house and had read the following special message by the governor:

TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH TEXAS LEGISLATURE, SECOND CALLED SESSION:

WHEREAS, the people of Texas through their state constitution have placed in the hands of the governor the power to call and set the agenda for special sessions of the legislature; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a gubernatorial proclamation issued on June 27, 2023, the members of the 88th Legislature convened in a Second Called Session to consider the initial list of subjects designated in that proclamation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of the State of Texas, by the authority vested in me by Article III, Section 40, and Article IV, Section 8, of the Texas Constitution, do hereby present the following additional subjects to the 88th Legislature, Second Called Session, for consideration:

Legislation relating to providing property tax relief through the public school finance system, exemptions, limitations on appraisals and taxes, and property tax administration.

Legislation relating to the amount of the total revenue exemption for the franchise tax and the exclusion of certain taxable entities from the requirement to file a franchise tax report.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Greg Abbott
Governor

Austin, Texas
July 10, 2023

**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 - July 10.)

ADJOURNMENT

In accordance with a previous motion, the house, at 11:58 a.m. Monday, July 10, adjourned until 2 p.m. tomorrow.

ADDENDUM

ORDER

July 7, 2023

To the Chief Clerk of the House:

Pursuant to House Rule 1, Section 10, I name the Honorable Morgan Meyer of Dallas County to call the House to order and preside in my absence on July 7, 2023.

/s/Dade Phelan
Speaker of the House

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 2 (By Meyer), Relating to providing property tax relief through the public school finance system, exemptions, limitations on appraisals and taxes, and property tax administration; authorizing the imposition of a fee.

To Ways and Means.

HB 3 (By Geren), Relating to the amount of the total revenue exemption for the franchise tax and the exclusion of certain taxable entities from the requirement to file a franchise tax report.

To Ways and Means.

HJR 2 (By Metcalf), Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to establish a limit on the maximum appraised value of real property other than a residence homestead for ad valorem tax purposes; 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 except certain appropriations to pay for ad valorem tax relief from the constitutional limitation on the rate of growth of appropriations; and to authorize the legislature to provide for a four-year term of office for a member of the governing body of certain appraisal entities.

To Ways and Means.