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PROCEEDINGS

SEVENTH DAY — MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2025

The house met at 4:40 p.m. and was called to order by the speaker.

The roll of the house was called and a quorum was announced present (Record 61).

Present — Mr. Speaker(C); Alders; Allen; Anchía; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bowers; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Campos; Capriglione; Cole; Collier; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Davis, A.; Davis, Y.; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dyson; Fairly; Frank; Gámez; García, L.; García Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hernandez; Hickland; Hinojosa; Holt; Hopper; Howard; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Johnson; Jones, J.; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lalani; Lambert; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Louderback; Lowe; Lujan; Luther; Manuel; Martinez; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Money; Moody; Morales, E.; Morgan; Muñoz; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Ordaz; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Pierson; Plesa; Raymond; Richardson; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Simmons; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Tinderholt; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Virdell; Vo; Walle; Wharton; Wilson; Zwiener.

Absent, Excused — Canales; Dutton; Flores; Geren; Jones, V.; Lozano; Morales Shaw; Phelan; Reynolds; Toth; Wu.

Absent — Garcia, J.; Martinez Fischer; Morales, C.; Rodríguez Ramos; Ward Johnson.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED

On motion of Representative Meyer and by unanimous consent, all members who were granted leaves of absence on the previous legislative day were granted leaves for this legislative day.

REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS SUSPENDED

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

**MAJOR STATE CALENDAR
HOUSE BILLS
THIRD READING**

The following bills were laid before the house and read third time:

**HB 17 ON THIRD READING
(by Meyer)**

HB 17, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the requirements regarding notice of certain property tax-related information to be provided by taxing units and appraisal districts.

HB 17 was passed by (Record 62): 83 Yeas, 48 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bonnen; Buckley; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Capriglione; Cook; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dyson; Fairly; Frank; Gates; Gerdes; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hefner; Hickland; Holt; Hopper; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lambert; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Lopez, J.; Louderback; Lowe; Lujan; Luther; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Money; Morgan; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Pierson; Raymond; Richardson; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Tepper; Tinderholt; Troxclair; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Virdell; Wharton; Wilson.

Nays — Allen; Anchía; Bernal; Bhojani; Bowers; Bryant; Bucy; Campos; Cole; Collier; Cortez; Davis, A.; Davis, Y.; Gámez; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Hayes; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Howard; Johnson; Jones, J.; Lalani; Longoria; Martinez; Meza; Moody; Morales, E.; Muñoz; Ordaz; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Plesa; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Simmons; Talarico; Thompson; Turner; Vo; Walle; Zwiener.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent, Excused — Canales; Dutton; Flores; Geren; Jones, V.; Lozano; Morales Shaw; Phelan; Reynolds; Toth; Wu.

Absent — Garcia, J.; Lopez, R.; Manuel; Martinez Fischer; Morales, C.; Rodríguez Ramos; Ward Johnson.

STATEMENTS OF VOTE

When Record No. 62 was taken, I was excused because of important business. I would have voted yes.

Lozano

When Record No. 62 was taken, I was shown voting no. I intended to vote yes.

Meza

When Record No. 62 was taken, I was away from my desk in protest of the special session. I would have voted no.

C. Morales

When Record No. 62 was taken, I was away from my desk in protest of the special session. I would have voted no.

Rodríguez Ramos

When Record No. 62 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted no.

Ward Johnson

REASONS FOR VOTE

Representative C. Morales submitted the following reason for vote to be printed in the journal:

When the record vote on **HB 17** was cast, I was away from my desk in protest of this special session's redistricting scheme and the harm the proposed map would impose. I would have voted no on **HB 17** because requiring local government bodies to cover the cost of public postings and mail disclosures will unnecessarily limit their ability to manage local tax rates.

Representative Rodríguez Ramos submitted the following reason for vote to be printed in the journal:

When the record vote for **HB 17** was taken, I was away from my desk in protest of the special session called to pass a racially gerrymandered redistricting scheme. I would have voted no on **HB 17** because requiring local government bodies to cover the cost of public postings and mail disclosures will unnecessarily limit their ability to manage local tax rates.

(R. Lopez, Manuel, Martinez Fischer, and Ward Johnson now present)

MAJOR STATE CALENDAR SENATE BILLS THIRD READING

The following bills were laid before the house and read third time:

SB 10 ON THIRD READING (Meyer - House Sponsor)

SB 10, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the calculation of the voter-approval tax rate for certain taxing units.

Amendment No. 1

Representative Patterson offered the following amendment to **SB 10**:

Amend **SB 10** on third reading in Section 26.0445(b)(1), Tax Code, as added by Floor Amendment No. 3 by Patterson, by striking "with a population of 75,000 or more".

The vote of the house was taken on adoption of Amendment No. 1 and the vote was announced yeas 85, nays 43.

A verification of the vote was requested and was granted.

The roll of those voting yea and nay was again called and the verified vote resulted, as follows (Record 63): 87 Yeas, 44 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Allen; Ashby; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bonnen; Buckley; Bucy; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Capriglione; Cook; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dyson; Fairly; Frank; Gates; Gerdes; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Harris Davila; Hayes; Hefner; Hickland; Hinojosa; Holt; Hopper; Howard; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Lopez, J.; Louderback; Lowe; Lujan; Luther; Manuel; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Money; Morales, E.; Morgan; Olcott; Oliverson; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Pierson; Plesa; Raymond; Richardson; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Talarico; Tepper; Tinderholt; Troxclair; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Virdell; Wharton; Wilson.

Nays — Anchía; Barry; Bhojani; Bowers; Bryant; Campos; Cole; Collier; Cortez; Darby; Davis, A.; Davis, Y.; Gámez; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Harrison; Hernandez; Johnson; Jones, J.; Lalani; Lopez, R.; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; Meza; Moody; Muñoz; Ordaz; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Simmons; Thompson; Turner; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Zwiener.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent, Excused — Canales; Dutton; Flores; Geren; Jones, V.; Lozano; Morales Shaw; Phelan; Reynolds; Toth; Wu.

Absent — Bernal; Garcia, J.; Lambert; Longoria; Morales, C.; Noble; Rodríguez Ramos.

The chair stated that Amendment No. 1 failed of adoption (not receiving the necessary two-thirds vote) by the above vote.

STATEMENTS OF VOTE

When Record No. 63 was taken, I was shown voting no. I intended to vote yes.

Garcia Hernandez

When Record No. 63 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Money

LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

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

Lambert on motion of Ashby.

SB 10 - (consideration continued)

SB 10 was passed by (Record 64): 78 Yeas, 52 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bonnen; Buckley; Button; Cain; Capriglione; Cook; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dyson; Fairly; Frank; Gates; Gerdes; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Harris Davila; Hayes; Hefner; Hickland; Holt; Hopper; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Lopez, J.; Louderback; Lujan; Luther; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Money; Morgan; Muñoz; Olcott; Oliverson; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Pierson; Raymond; Richardson; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Tepper; Tinderholt; Troxclair; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Virdell; Wharton; Wilson.

Nays — Allen; Anchía; Bhojani; Bowers; Bryant; Bucy; Bumgarner; Campos; Cole; Collier; Cortez; Darby; Davis, A.; Davis, Y.; Gámez; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Harrison; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Howard; Johnson; Jones, J.; Lalani; Lopez, R.; Lowe; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; Meza; Moody; Morales, E.; Ordaz; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Plesa; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Simmons; Talarico; Thompson; Turner; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Zwiener.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent, Excused — Canales; Dutton; Flores; Geren; Jones, V.; Lambert; Lozano; Morales Shaw; Phelan; Reynolds; Toth; Wu.

Absent — Alders; Bernal; Garcia, J.; Longoria; Morales, C.; Noble; Rodríguez Ramos.

STATEMENTS OF VOTE

When Record No. 64 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted yes.

Alders

When Record No. 64 was taken, I was away from my desk in protest of the special session. I would have voted no.

C. Morales

When Record No. 64 was taken, I was absent because of a family medical emergency. I would have voted yes.

Noble

When Record No. 64 was taken, I was away from my desk in protest of the special session. I would have voted no.

Rodríguez Ramos

REASONS FOR VOTE

Representative Lozano submitted the following reason for vote to be printed in the journal:

When Record No. 64 was taken, I was excused for important business. I would have voted no. Lowering the threshold to one percent will adversely impact emergency services and hospital districts. Taxpayers deserve the best health services when needed.

Representative C. Morales submitted the following reason for vote to be printed in the journal:

When the record vote on **SB 10** was cast, I was away from my desk in protest of this special session's redistricting scheme and the harm the proposed map would impose. I would have voted no on **SB 10**. I am strongly opposed to this bill, which artificially limits local governments' ability to set tax rates that allow them to provide appropriate local services. These policies will hurt school funding and housing affordability efforts, negatively impacting working families in the long term.

Representative Rodríguez Ramos submitted the following reason for vote to be printed in the journal:

When the record vote for **SB 10** was taken, I was away from my desk in protest of the special session called to pass a racially gerrymandered redistricting scheme. I would have voted no on **SB 10**. I am strongly opposed to this bill, which artificially limits local governments' ability to set tax rates that allow them to provide appropriate local services. These policies will hurt school funding and housing affordability efforts, negatively impacting working families in the long term.

GENERAL STATE CALENDAR HOUSE BILLS THIRD READING

The following bills were laid before the house and read third time:

HB 27 ON THIRD READING (by Harris)

HB 27, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to a groundwater study of certain aquifers underlying the territory of the Neches and Trinity Valleys Groundwater Conservation District by the Texas Water Development Board before the issuance of permits or permit amendments by the district.

HB 27 was passed by (Record 65): 126 Yeas, 4 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Allen; Anchía; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bowers; Bryant; Bucy; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Campos; Capriglione; Cole; Collier; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Davis, A.; Davis, Y.; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dyson; Fairly; Frank; Gámez; García, L.; García Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Harris Davila; Hayes; Hefner;

Hernandez; Hinojosa; Holt; Hopper; Howard; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Johnson; Jones, J.; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lalani; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Louderback; Lowe; Lujan; Luther; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Money; Moody; Morales, E.; Morgan; Muñoz; Olcott; Oliverson; Ordaz; Orr; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Pierson; Plesa; Raymond; Richardson; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Simmons; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Tinderholt; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Virdell; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wharton; Wilson; Zwiener.

Nays — Buckley; Harrison; Hickland; Patterson.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent, Excused — Canales; Dutton; Flores; Geren; Jones, V.; Lambert; Lozano; Morales Shaw; Phelan; Reynolds; Toth; Wu.

Absent — Alders; Bernal; Garcia, J.; Longoria; Morales, C.; Noble; Rodríguez Ramos.

STATEMENTS OF VOTE

When Record No. 65 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted yes.

Alders

When Record No. 65 was taken, I was excused because of important business. I would have voted yes.

Lozano

When Record No. 65 was taken, I was away from my desk in protest of the special session. I would have voted yes.

C. Morales

When Record No. 65 was taken, I was away from my desk in protest of the special session. I would have voted yes.

Rodríguez Ramos

REASONS FOR VOTE

Representative C. Morales submitted the following reason for vote to be printed in the journal:

When the record vote on **HB 27** was cast, I was away from my desk in protest of this special sessions redistricting scheme and the harm the proposed map would impose. I would have voted yes on **HB 27**. While there is strong regional disagreement about water allocation and future sourcing, this bill will provide decision-makers with helpful data by assessing the environmental impact of pumping in and around aquifers in East Texas, protecting working families, small communities, and farmers.

Representative Rodríguez Ramos submitted the following reason for vote to be printed in the journal:

When the record vote for **HB 27** was taken, I was away from my desk in protest of the special session called to pass a racially gerrymandered redistricting scheme. I would have voted yes on **HB 27**. While there is strong regional disagreement about water allocation and future sourcing, this bill will provide decision-makers with helpful data by assessing the environmental impact of pumping in and around aquifers in East Texas, protecting working families, small communities, and farmers.

HB 23 ON THIRD READING **(by Harless)**

HB 23, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation of property owned by certain nonprofit corporations, located in a populous county, and used to promote agriculture, support youth, and provide educational support in the community.

HB 23 was passed by (Record 66): 113 Yeas, 13 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Allen; Anchía; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bowers; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Button; Campos; Capriglione; Cole; Collier; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Davis, A.; Davis, Y.; Dean; DeAyala; Dyson; Fairly; Frank; Gámez; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Harris Davila; Hayes; Hefner; Hernandez; Hickland; Hinojosa; Holt; Hopper; Howard; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Johnson; Jones, J.; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Landgraf; Little; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Louderback; Lujan; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Money; Moody; Morales, E.; Morgan; Muñoz; Oliverson; Ordaz; Orr; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Plesa; Raymond; Richardson; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Simmons; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Tinderholt; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Villalobos; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wharton; Wilson; Zwiener.

Nays — Bumgarner; Dorazio; Harrison; Leo Wilson; Lowe; Luther; McLaughlin; Olcott; Patterson; Pierson; Slawson; Vasut; Virdell.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent, Excused — Canales; Dutton; Flores; Geren; Jones, V.; Lambert; Lozano; Morales Shaw; Phelan; Reynolds; Toth; Wu.

Absent — Alders; Bernal; Cain; Cook; Garcia, J.; Lalani; Leach; Longoria; Morales, C.; Noble; Rodríguez Ramos.

STATEMENTS OF VOTE

When Record No. 66 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted yes.

Alders

When Record No. 66 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted no.

Cook

When Record No. 66 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Landgraf

When Record No. 66 was taken, I was excused because of important business. I would have voted yes.

Lozano

When Record No. 66 was taken, I was away from my desk in protest of the special session. I would have voted yes.

C. Morales

When Record No. 66 was taken, I was shown voting no. I intended to vote yes.

Patterson

When Record No. 66 was taken, I was away from my desk in protest of the special session. I would have voted yes.

Rodríguez Ramos

REASONS FOR VOTE

Representative C. Morales submitted the following reason for vote to be printed in the journal:

When the record vote on **HB 23** was cast, I was away from my desk in protest of this special session's redistricting scheme and the harm the proposed map would impose. I would have voted yes on **HB 23** because it supports working families by ensuring that nonprofit organizations dedicated to youth development, agricultural education, and community support, like the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, can continue to invest in their missions without facing tax burdens that could limit their ability to serve and uplift local communities.

Representative Rodríguez Ramos submitted the following reason for vote to be printed in the journal:

When the record vote for **HB 23** was taken, I was away from my desk in protest of the special session called to pass a racially gerrymandered redistricting scheme. I would have voted yes on **HB 23** because it supports working families by ensuring that nonprofit organizations dedicated to youth development, agricultural education, and community support, like the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, can continue to invest in their missions without facing tax burdens that could limit their ability to serve and uplift local communities.

HB 16 ON THIRD READING
(by Leach)

HB 16, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the operation and administration of and practices and procedures related to proceedings in the judicial branch of state government, including court security, court documents and arrest warrants, document delivery, juvenile boards, constitutional amendment election challenges, record retention, youth diversion, court-ordered mental health services, the powers of the Texas Supreme Court, jurors, and the special prosecution unit; increasing a criminal penalty; authorizing fees.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

The following member was granted leave of absence for the remainder of today because of a family medical emergency:

Noble on motion of Cook.

HB 16 - (consideration continued)

HB 16 was passed by (Record 67): 130 Yeas, 1 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Allen; Anchía; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bowers; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Campos; Capriglione; Cole; Collier; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Davis, A.; Davis, Y.; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dyson; Fairly; Frank; Gámez; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hernandez; Hickland; Hinojosa; Holt; Hopper; Howard; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Johnson; Jones, J.; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lalani; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Louderback; Lowe; Lujan; Luther; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Money; Moody; Morales, E.; Morgan; Muñoz; Olcott; Oliverson; Ordaz; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Pierson; Plesa; Raymond; Richardson; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Simmons; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Tinderholt; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Virdell; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wharton; Wilson.

Nays — Zwiener.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent, Excused — Canales; Dutton; Flores; Geren; Jones, V.; Lambert; Lozano; Morales Shaw; Noble; Phelan; Reynolds; Toth; Wu.

Absent — Bernal; Garcia, J.; Longoria; Morales, C.; Rodríguez Ramos.

STATEMENTS OF VOTE

When Record No. 67 was taken, I was excused because of important business. I would have voted yes.

Lozano

When Record No. 67 was taken, I was away from my desk in protest of the special session. I would have voted yes.

C. Morales

When Record No. 67 was taken, I was excused because of a family medical emergency. I would have voted yes.

Noble

When Record No. 67 was taken, I was away from my desk in protest of the special session. I would have voted yes.

Rodríguez Ramos

REASONS FOR VOTE

Representative C. Morales submitted the following reason for vote to be printed in the journal:

When the record vote on **HB 16** was cast, I was away from my desk in protest of this special session's redistricting scheme and the harm the proposed map would impose. I would have voted yes because **HB 16** is primarily administrative in scope and addresses challenges to our system of courts, including caseloads, case backlogs, substantial population growth, and county support.

Representative Rodríguez Ramos submitted the following reason for vote to be printed in the journal:

When the record vote for **HB 16** was taken, I was away from my desk in protest of the special session called to pass a racially gerrymandered redistricting scheme. I would have voted yes because **HB 16** is primarily administrative in scope and addresses challenges to our system of courts, including caseloads, case backlogs, substantial population growth, and county support.

GENERAL STATE CALENDAR SENATE BILLS THIRD READING

The following bills were laid before the house and read third time:

SB 18 ON THIRD READING (Gerdes - House Sponsor)

SB 18, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to an exemption from the requirement to obtain a permit from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for certain dams or reservoirs operated and maintained for the purposes of erosion, floodwater, and sediment control.

SB 18 was passed by (Record 68): 131 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Allen; Anchía; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bowers; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Campos; Capriglione; Cole; Collier; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Davis, A.; Davis, Y.; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dyson; Fairly; Frank; Gámez;

Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hernandez; Hickland; Hinojosa; Holt; Hopper; Howard; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Johnson; Jones, J.; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lalani; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Louderback; Lowe; Lujan; Luther; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Money; Moody; Morales, E.; Morgan; Muñoz; Olcott; Oliverson; Ordaz; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Pierson; Plesa; Raymond; Richardson; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Simmons; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Tinderholt; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Virdell; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wharton; Wilson; Zwiener.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent, Excused — Canales; Dutton; Flores; Geren; Jones, V.; Lambert; Lozano; Morales Shaw; Noble; Phelan; Reynolds; Toth; Wu.

Absent — Bernal; Garcia, J.; Longoria; Morales, C.; Rodríguez Ramos.

STATEMENTS OF VOTE

When Record No. 68 was taken, I was excused because of important business. I would have voted yes.

Lozano

When Record No. 68 was taken, I was away from my desk in protest of the special session. I would have voted yes.

C. Morales

When Record No. 68 was taken, I was excused because of because of a family medical emergency. I would have voted yes.

Noble

When Record No. 68 was taken, I was away from my desk in protest of the special session. I would have voted yes.

Rodríguez Ramos

REASONS FOR VOTE

Representative C. Morales submitted the following reason for vote to be printed in the journal:

When the record vote on **SB 18** was cast, I was away from my desk in protest of this special session's redistricting scheme and the harm the proposed map would impose. I would have voted yes on **SB 18**, which will make it easier for Texans facing increasing climate risks to proactively build and maintain small-scale dams that protect homes, farmland, and infrastructure from flooding and erosion.

Representative Rodríguez Ramos submitted the following reason for vote to be printed in the journal:

When the record vote for **SB 18** was taken, I was away from my desk in protest of the special session called to pass a racially gerrymandered redistricting scheme. I would have voted yes on **SB 18**, which will make it easier for Texans facing increasing climate risks to proactively build and maintain small-scale dams that protect homes, farmland, and infrastructure from flooding and erosion.

COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following committee meetings were announced:

Homeland Security, Public Safety, and Veterans' Affairs, 7 p.m. today, 3W.9, for a formal meeting, to consider pending, referred, and committee business.

Homeland Security, Public Safety, and Veterans' Affairs, scheduled to meet at 7 p.m. today, was canceled.

COMMITTEES GRANTED PERMISSION TO MEET

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

Permission to meet was granted.

PROVIDING FOR RECESS

At 5:10 p.m., Representative Meyer moved that, at the conclusion of the reading of bills and resolutions on first reading and referral to committees and the receipt of messages, the house recess until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

The motion prevailed.

Tuesday, August 26

The chair called the house to order at 9:50 a.m. Tuesday, August 26.

RECESS

In accordance with a previous motion, the house, at 9:50 a.m. Tuesday, August 26, recessed until 10 a.m. today.

APPENDIX

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Favorable reports have been filed by committees as follows:

August 22

Criminal Jurisprudence - **SB 11**, **SB 16**

Intergovernmental Affairs - **SB 14**

Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence - **HB 16**

Ways and Means - **HB 17, HB 23, SB 10**

August 23

Disaster Preparedness and Flooding, Select - **HB 48, HB 149, HB 254, SB 3, SB 18**

Homeland Security, Public Safety, and Veterans' Affairs - **SB 15**

Natural Resources - **HB 27**

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