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PROCEEDINGS

NINTH DAY — WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2025

The house met at 2:46 p.m. and was called to order by the speaker.

The roll of the house was called and a quorum was announced present (Record 99).

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

Absent, Excused — Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; Hernandez; Johnson; Jones, V.; Noble; Vo.

Absent — Bhojani; Campos; Garcia, J.; Morales, C.; Rodríguez Ramos.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED

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

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.)

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST

The chair recognized Representative Hull who introduced Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The following committee meeting was announced:

Elections, upon final recess or during bill referral, if permission is granted, today, 1W.14, for a formal meeting, to consider pending, referred, and committee business.

GENERAL STATE CALENDAR

HOUSE BILLS

THIRD READING

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

HB 25 ON THIRD READING

(by Shofner, Harris, Wilson, Pierson, Virdell, et al.)

HB 25, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to a pharmacist's authority to dispense ivermectin without a prescription.

HB 25 was passed by (Record 100): 87 Yeas, 47 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

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

Nays — Allen; Anchía; Bernal; Bowers; Bryant; Bucy; Cole; Collier; Cortez; Darby; Davis, A.; Davis, Y.; Dutton; Flores; Gámez; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Hinojosa; Howard; Jones, J.; Lalani; Lambert; Longoria; Lopez, R.; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; Meza; Moody; Morales Shaw; Ordaz; Perez, V.; Reynolds; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Simmons; Talarico; Thompson; Turner; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wu; Zwiener.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent, Excused — Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; Hernandez; Johnson; Jones, V.; Noble; Vo.

Absent — Barry; Bhojani; Campos; Garcia, J.; Manuel; Morales, C.; Perez, M.; Rodríguez Ramos.

HB 48 ON THIRD READING
(by Darby, et al.)

HB 48, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the creation of a working group to study alert notification systems.

HB 48 was passed by (Record 101): 135 Yeas, 1 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

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

Nays — Harrison.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent, Excused — Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; Hernandez; Johnson; Jones, V.; Noble; Vo.

Absent — Bhojani; Campos; Garcia, J.; Morales, C.; Rodríguez Ramos; Shofner.

STATEMENT OF VOTE

When Record No. 101 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted yes.

Shofner

HB 149 ON THIRD READING
(by Louderback)

HB 149, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the governor's review of purchases by political subdivisions of public safety radio communication systems.

HB 149 was passed by (Record 102): 128 Yeas, 8 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

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

Nays — Collier; Harrison; Lowe; Luther; Money; Olcott; Rose; Schatzline.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent, Excused — Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; Hernandez; Johnson; Jones, V.; Noble; Vo.

Absent — Bhojani; Campos; Dutton; Garcia, J.; Morales, C.; Rodríguez Ramos.

HB 254 ON THIRD READING **(by Ashby, Virdell, and Wharton)**

HB 254, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to eligibility of a political subdivision for a grant from the Rural Infrastructure Disaster Recovery Program.

HB 254 was passed by (Record 103): 135 Yeas, 1 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Allen; Anchía; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bonnen; Bowers; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Canales; Capriglione; Cole; Collier; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Davis, A.; Davis, Y.; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dutton; Dyson; Fairly; Flores; Frank; Gámez; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harris; Harris Davila; Hayes; Hefner; Hickland; Hinojosa; Holt; Hopper; Howard; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Jones, J.; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lalani; Lambert; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Louderback; Lowe; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Money; Moody; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Morgan; Muñoz; Olcott; Oliverson; Ordaz; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Phelan; Pierson; Plesa; Raymond; Reynolds; Richardson; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Simmons;

Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Virdell; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wharton; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Nays — Harrison.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent, Excused — Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; Hernandez; Johnson; Jones, V.; Noble; Vo.

Absent — Bhojani; Campos; Garcia, J.; Harless; Morales, C.; Rodríguez Ramos.

HB 26 ON THIRD READING

(by Oliverson, Schofield, DeAyala, Harless, et al.)

HB 26, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to contracting with law enforcement agencies in certain counties.

HB 26 was passed by (Record 104): 88 Yeas, 49 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

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

Nays — Allen; Anchía; Bernal; Bowers; Bryant; Bucy; Cole; Collier; Cortez; Davis, A.; Davis, Y.; Dutton; Flores; Gámez; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Hinojosa; Howard; Jones, J.; Lalani; Longoria; Lopez, R.; Lowe; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; Meza; Moody; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Ordaz; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Plesa; Reynolds; Romero; Rose; Simmons; Talarico; Thompson; Turner; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wu; Zwiener.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent, Excused — Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; Hernandez; Johnson; Jones, V.; Noble; Vo.

Absent — Bhojani; Campos; Garcia, J.; Morales, C.; Rodríguez Ramos.

HB 192 ON THIRD READING

(by Oliverson, Cain, Toth, Hull, Cunningham, et al.)

HB 192, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the funding of law enforcement agencies in certain counties.

HB 192 was passed by (Record 105): 89 Yeas, 48 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

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

Nays — Allen; Anchía; Bernal; Bowers; Bryant; Bucy; Cole; Collier; Cortez; Davis, A.; Davis, Y.; Dutton; Flores; Gámez; García, L.; García Hernandez; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Hinojosa; Howard; Jones, J.; Lalani; Longoria; Lopez, R.; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; Meza; Moody; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Ordaz; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Plesa; Reynolds; Romero; Rose; Simmons; Talarico; Thompson; Turner; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wu; Zwiener.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent, Excused — Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; Hernandez; Johnson; Jones, V.; Noble; Vo.

Absent — Bhojani; Campos; Garcia, J.; Morales, C.; Rodríguez Ramos.

PROVIDING FOR RECESS

At 2:59 p.m., Representative Ashby moved that, at the conclusion of the reading of bills and resolutions on first reading and referral to committees, the receipt of messages, granting the request of the senate to appoint conferees, and administrative actions, the house recess until 1:30 p.m. tomorrow.

The motion prevailed.

Thursday, August 28

The chair called the house to order at 9:36 a.m. Thursday, August 28.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the senate was received at this time (see the addendum to the daily journal, Messages from the Senate, Message No. 1 - August 28).

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 - August 28.)

RECESS

In accordance with a previous motion, the house, at 9:37 a.m. Thursday, August 28, recessed until 1:30 p.m. today.

ADDENDUM

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 29 (By Shaheen), Relating to election procedures regarding accepting a voter with a residence address that is not current and the immediate effect of a voter's registration after the registrar's receipt of certain change of address notices.

To Elections.

List No. 1 - August 28

SB 19 to Elections.

SB 54 to Elections.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

The following messages from the senate were today received by the house:

Message No. 1

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE
SENATE CHAMBER
Austin, Texas
Thursday, August 28, 2025

The Honorable Speaker of the House
House Chamber
Austin, Texas

Mr. Speaker:

I am directed by the senate to inform the house that the senate has taken the following action:

THE SENATE HAS PASSED THE FOLLOWING MEASURES:

HB 8 Buckley SPONSOR: Bettencourt
Relating to public school accountability and transparency, including the implementation of an instructionally supportive assessment program and the adoption and administration of assessment instruments in public schools, indicators of achievement, public school performance ratings, and interventions

and sanctions under the public school accountability system, a grant program for school district local accountability plans, and actions challenging Texas Education Agency decisions related to public school accountability.

(Amended)

HB 25

Shofner

SPONSOR: Hall

Relating to a pharmacist's authority to dispense ivermectin without a prescription.

HB 26

Oliverson

SPONSOR: Bettencourt

Relating to contracting with law enforcement agencies in certain counties.

HB 192

Oliverson

SPONSOR: Bettencourt

Relating to the funding of law enforcement agencies in certain counties.

SB 54

Hughes

SPONSOR: Shaheen

Relating to election procedures regarding accepting a voter with a residence address that is not current and the immediate effect of a voter's registration after the registrar's receipt of certain change of address notices.

THE SENATE HAS CONCURRED IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING MEASURES:

SB 3

(27 Yeas, 0 Nays)

SB 16

(27 Yeas, 0 Nays)

Respectfully,

Patsy Spaw

Secretary of the Senate

APPENDIX

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Favorable reports have been filed by committees as follows:

August 26

Agriculture and Livestock - **HB 237, HB 253, HCR 13**

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

State Affairs - **SB 8, SB 12**

ENGROSSED

August 26 - HB 8