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## PROCEEDINGS

FOURTEENTH DAY — THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025

The house met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the speaker.

The roll of the house was called and a quorum was announced present (Record 23).

Present — Mr. Speaker(C); Alders; Allen; Anchía; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bowers; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Campos; Canales; Capriglione; Cole; Collier; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Davis, A.; Davis, Y.; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dutton; Dyson; Fairly; Flores; Frank; Gámez; García, J.; García, L.; García Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hickland; Hinojosa; Holt; Hopper; Howard; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Johnson; Jones, J.; Jones, V.; 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, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Morgan; Muñoz; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Ordaz; Orr; Patterson; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Phelan; Pierson; Plesa; Raymond; Richardson; Rodríguez Ramos; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Simmons; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Virdell; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wharton; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Absent, Excused — Hernandez; Kerwin; Paul.

Absent — Reynolds.

The invocation was offered by Representative Dutton as follows:

To the God of the Panhandle, to the God of the Rio Grande Valley, to the God of the High Plains, to the God of the Gulf Coast, to the God of the Piney Woods, to the God of Central Texas, to the God of West Texas, to the God of rural Texas, to the God of urban Texas, to the God of the poor, to the God of the rich, to the God of the powerful, to the God of the powerless, we thank you for being one God. And today, we earnestly pray that our differences serve to keep Texas one under God. Amen.

The chair recognized Representative Dean 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:

Hernandez on motion of Walle.

Paul on motion of Frank.

The following member was granted leave of absence for today to attend her daughter's swearing-in ceremony:

Kerwin on motion of Curry.

### CAPITOL PHYSICIAN

The chair presented Dr. Cindy Cedillo-Ruiz of Houston as the "Doctor for the Day."

The house welcomed Dr. Cedillo-Ruiz and thanked them for their participation in the Physician of the Day Program sponsored by the Texas Academy of Family Physicians.

### 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).

#### **HR 255 - ADOPTED**

**(by Dutton)**

Representative Dutton moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 255**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 255**, In memory of Robert Allen Batteaux of Houston.

**HR 255** was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

On motion of Representative King, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 255** as signers thereof.

#### **HR 251 - ADOPTED**

**(by Y. Davis)**

Representative Y. Davis moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 251**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 251**, In memory of Alma Jewel Pryor of Dallas.

**HR 251** was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

**HR 162 - ADOPTED**  
**(by Y. Davis)**

Representative Y. Davis moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 162**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 162**, Congratulating Shirley Ison-Newsome on her receipt of the 2025 Living Legend Award from the Texas Alliance of Black School Educators.

**HR 162** was adopted.

**HR 238 - ADOPTED**  
**(by McLaughlin)**

Representative McLaughlin moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 238**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 238**, Recognizing February 13, 2025, as Uvalde County Day at the State Capitol.

**HR 238** was adopted.

On motion of Representative E. Morales, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 238** as signers thereof.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

The chair recognized Representative McLaughlin who introduced a delegation from Uvalde County.

(Reynolds now present)

**HR 193 - ADOPTED**  
**(by Curry)**

Representative Curry moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 193**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 193**, Recognizing February 13, 2025, as West Day at the State Capitol.

**HR 193** 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:

Anchía on motion of Hinojosa.

**HR 245 - ADOPTED**  
**(by Hinojosa)**

Representative Hinojosa moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 245**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 245**, Recognizing February 13, 2025, as Texas NAHRO Day at the State Capitol.

**HR 245** was adopted.

**HR 257 - ADOPTED**  
**(by Guillen)**

Representative Guillen moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 257**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 257**, Commemorating the 50th anniversary of Starr County Memorial Hospital.

**HR 257** was adopted.

**DEANS OF THE TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

The chair laid before the house and had read the following statement:

In most parliamentary bodies, the members recognize the longest continuously serving member for their wisdom and guidance based, in part, on the institutional knowledge gained from their length of service. The United States House of Representatives designates this member as "Dean of the United States House of Representatives." Examples of notable deans in the past include Sir Winston Churchill, Wright Patman, and George Mahon.

The Honorable Tom Craddick of Midland County and the Honorable Senfronia Thompson of Harris County, as the longest continuously serving members of the Texas House, are recognized as Deans of the Texas House of Representatives.

**SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE APPOINTED**

Pursuant to Rule 1, Section 10, of the House Rules, Speaker Burrows appointed the Honorable Joseph E. Moody of El Paso County to serve as the Speaker Pro Tempore of the Texas House of Representatives, 89th Legislature.

**STANDING COMMITTEES APPOINTED**

Pursuant to Rule 1, Section 15, and Rule 4, Section 2, of the House Rules, the chair had read the following standing committee appointments for the 89th Legislature:

**COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK**

Guillen, chair; Guerra, vice-chair.

Seniority appointments: Kitzman, J. Lopez, and McLaughlin.

Speaker appointments: Cain, Hopper, Money, and Muñoz.

**COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**

Bonnen, chair; M. González, vice-chair.

Seniority appointments: Bonnen, Collier, Gervin-Hawkins, Goodwin, Harrison, Howard, Lozano, Martinez, Oliverson, Rose, Slawson, and Wu.

Speaker appointments: Barry, DeAyala, Fairly, Garcia Hernandez, V. Jones, Kitzman, J. Lopez, Lujan, Manuel, Orr, Simmons, Tepper, Villalobos, and Walle.

**COMMITTEE ON CALENDARS**

Hunter, chair; Rose, vice-chair.

Speaker appointments: Canales, Gerdes, Harris, Hernandez, Johnson, Leach, J. Lopez, Romero, and Tepper.

**COMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS**

Harless, chair; V. Jones, vice-chair.

Seniority appointments: V. Jones, Lowe, and Wharton.

Speaker appointments: Allen, Harrison, Lozano, Meza, and Schatzline.

**COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JURISPRUDENCE**

Smithee, chair; Wu, vice-chair.

Seniority appointments: Little, Louderback, and Money.

Speaker appointments: Bowers, Cook, J. Jones, Moody, Rodríguez Ramos, and Virdell.

**PERMANENT STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE ON  
JUVENILE JUSTICE**

Cook, chair; J. Jones, vice-chair.

Speaker appointments: Louderback, Virdell, and Wu.

**COMMITTEE ON CULTURE, RECREATION, AND TOURISM**

Metcalf, chair; Flores, vice-chair.

Seniority appointments: DeAyala, Flores, and Vasut.

Speaker appointments: Cole, Kerwin, Martinez Fischer, Orr, and Ward Johnson.

**COMMITTEE ON DELIVERY OF GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY**

Capriglione, chair; Bhojani, vice-chair.

Seniority appointments: Bowers, Cain, Capriglione, Cook, and Rodríguez Ramos.

Speaker appointments: Alders, Campos, Curry, L. Garcia, Olcott, Tinderholt, and Troxclair.

### **COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS**

Shaheen, chair; Bucy, vice-chair.

Seniority appointments: Isaac, Swanson, and Toth.

Speaker appointments: Morales Shaw, Plesa, Raymond, and Wilson.

### **COMMITTEE ON ENERGY RESOURCES**

Darby, chair; E. Morales, vice-chair.

Seniority appointments: Craddick, Gates, Guerra, and E. Morales.

Speaker appointments: Dean, Dyson, J. Garcia, Gerdes, Reynolds, and Rosenthal.

### **COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION**

Landgraf, chair; Ordaz, vice-chair.

Seniority appointments: K. Bell, Landgraf, and Reynolds.

Speaker appointments: Anchiá, Bumgarner, Morales Shaw, Oliverson, and Toth.

### **COMMITTEE ON GENERAL INVESTIGATING**

K. Bell, chair; Gámez, vice-chair.

Speaker appointments: Bonnen, Geren, and Moody.

### **COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION**

Wilson, chair; Howard, vice-chair.

Seniority appointments: Lambert, V. Perez, Shaheen, and Tinderholt.

Speaker appointments: A. Davis, Lalani, Shofner, VanDeaver, and Ward Johnson.

### **COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

Hefner, chair; R. Lopez, vice-chair.

Seniority appointments: Dorazio, Hickland, R. Lopez, and Pierson.

Speaker appointments: Canales, Cortez, Holt, Isaac, Louderback, and McLaughlin.

### **PERMANENT STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE ON DEFENSE AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

Cortez, chair; Dorazio, vice-chair.

Speaker appointments: Hickland, Isaac, and R. Lopez.

### **COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION**

Geren, chair; Cole, vice-chair.

Speaker appointments: Button, Darby, Harless, King, Martinez, Meyer, Moody, Reynolds, and Talarico.

### **COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES**

Hull, chair; Manuel, vice-chair.

Seniority appointments: Hull, Manuel, Noble, and Schatzline.

Speaker appointments: A. Davis, Dorazio, C. Morales, Richardson, Rose, Slawson, and Swanson.

#### **COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE**

Dean, chair; Vo, vice-chair.

Seniority appointments: Paul, Spiller, and Vo.

Speaker appointments: J. González, Goodwin, Hopper, Morgan, and Wharton.

#### **COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS**

C. Bell, chair; Zwiener, vice-chair.

Seniority appointments: Cole, Cortez, Rosenthal, and Tepper.

Speaker appointments: Garcia Hernandez, Leo Wilson, Lowe, Luther, and Spiller.

#### **PERMANENT STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE ON COUNTY AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENT**

Spiller, chair; Cole, vice-chair.

Speaker appointments: Lowe, Tepper, and Zwiener.

#### **PERMANENT STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE ON STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS**

Tepper, chair; Garcia Hernandez, vice-chair.

Speaker appointments: Leo Wilson.

#### **COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND CIVIL JURISPRUDENCE**

Leach, chair; Johnson, vice-chair.

Seniority appointments: Dutton, J. González, Moody, and Schofield.

Speaker appointments: Dyson, Flores, Hayes, LaHood, and Landgraf.

#### **PERMANENT STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE ON FAMILY AND FIDUCIARY RELATIONSHIPS**

Dutton, chair; Hayes, vice-chair.

Speaker appointments: J. González, LaHood, and Landgraf.

#### **COMMITTEE ON LAND AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

Gates, chair; Lalani, vice-chair.

Seniority appointments: Alders, Morgan, and Virdell.

Speaker appointments: Y. Davis, Hinojosa, Hunter, and R. Lopez.

#### **COMMITTEE ON LICENSING AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES**

Phelan, chair; Thompson, vice-chair.

Seniority appointments: Hernandez, Longoria, M. Perez, Thompson, and Walle.

Speaker appointments: Gerdes, Geren, Harless, Harris, McQueeney, Patterson, and Romero.

**COMMITTEE ON LOCAL AND CONSENT CALENDARS**

Patterson, chair; Bowers, vice-chair.

Speaker appointments: Barry, Bucy, Cunningham, Fairly, J. González, Lujan, V. Perez, Villalobos, and Zwiener.

**COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

Harris, chair; Martinez, vice-chair.

Seniority appointments: Ashby, C. Bell, M. González, Romero, and Zwiener.

Speaker appointments: Barry, Buckley, Fairly, Gámez, J. Garcia, and Villalobos.

**COMMITTEE ON PENSIONS, INVESTMENTS,  
AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

Lambert, chair; Plesa, vice-chair.

Seniority appointments: Plesa.

Speaker appointments: Bryant, Bumgarner, L. Garcia, Hayes, Holt, Schoolcraft, and Vo.

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC EDUCATION**

Buckley, chair; Bernal, vice-chair.

Seniority appointments: Allen, Bryant, Buckley, Cunningham, Hinojosa, and Schoolcraft.

Speaker appointments: Ashby, Dutton, Frank, Hunter, Kerwin, Leach, Leo Wilson, and Talarico.

**PERMANENT STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE ON  
ACADEMIC AND CAREER-ORIENTED EDUCATION**

Ashby, chair; Talarico, vice-chair.

Speaker appointments: Dutton, Hunter, and Schoolcraft.

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH**

VanDeaver, chair; Campos, vice-chair.

Seniority appointments: Bucy, Campos, Frank, Johnson, and J. Jones.

Speaker appointments: Collier, Cunningham, Olcott, Pierson, Schofield, Shofner, and Simmons.

**PERMANENT STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE ON  
DISEASE PREVENTION AND WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S HEALTH**

Frank, chair; Bucy, vice-chair.

Speaker appointments: Cunningham, Johnson, and Pierson.

**COMMITTEE ON REDISTRICTING**

Vasut, chair; Rosenthal, vice-chair.

Speaker appointments: J. Garcia, Gervin-Hawkins, Guerra, Guillen, Hefner, Hickland, J. Jones, Manuel, Oliverson, Spiller, Tepper, Wilson, and Wu.

**COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS**

King, chair; Hernandez, vice-chair.

Seniority appointments: Darby, Y. Davis, Geren, Guillen, Raymond, and Smithee.

Speaker appointments: Anchía, Hull, McQueeney, Metcalf, Phelan, Thompson, and Turner.

**PERMANENT STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE ON  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND BROADBAND**

Anchía, chair; Metcalf, vice-chair.

Speaker appointments: Hernandez, Hull, and McQueeney.

**COMMITTEE ON TRADE, WORKFORCE,  
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Button, chair; Talarico, vice-chair.

Seniority appointments: Lujan, Meza, Ordaz, and Talarico.

Speaker appointments: K. Bell, Bhojani, Harris Davila, Longoria, Luther, and Richardson.

**PERMANENT STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE ON  
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

Lujan, chair; Longoria, vice-chair.

Speaker appointments: Richardson.

**PERMANENT STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE ON  
WORKFORCE**

Longoria, chair; Harris Davila, vice-chair.

Speaker appointments: K. Bell, Bhojani, and Lujan.

**COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

Craddick, chair; M. Perez, vice-chair.

Seniority appointments: Canales, Gámez, Harris Davila, C. Morales, and Patterson.

Speaker appointments: Curry, Hefner, LaHood, Little, E. Morales, and Paul.

**PERMANENT STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE ON  
TRANSPORTATION FUNDING**

Canales, chair; Paul, vice-chair.

Speaker appointments: Hefner, Patterson, and M. Perez.

**COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

Meyer, chair; Martinez Fischer, vice-chair.

Seniority appointments: Bernal, Button, Martinez Fischer, Muñoz, and Turner.

Speaker appointments: Capriglione, Gervin-Hawkins, Hickland, Noble, V. Perez, Troxclair, and Vasut.

