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## PROCEEDINGS

THIRTY-SEVENTH DAY — WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2025

The house met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the speaker.

The roll of the house was called and a quorum was announced present (Record 58).

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; Garcia, J.; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; 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.; Jones, V.; 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, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Morgan; Muñoz; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Ordaz; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Phelan; Pierson; Plesa; Raymond; Reynolds; Richardson; Rodríguez Ramos; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Simmons; Slawson; Spiller; Swanson; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Virdell; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wharton; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Absent, Excused — Smithee.

The invocation was offered by Natalie Webb, senior pastor, University Baptist Church, Austin.

The chair recognized Representative Ashby 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:

Smithee on motion of Darby.

### **CAPITOL PHYSICIAN**

The chair presented Dr. Madhusmita Panda of Odessa as the "Doctor for the Day."

The house welcomed Dr. Panda 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).

### REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS SUSPENDED

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

### COMMITTEES GRANTED PERMISSION TO MEET

Representative Hunter moved that the house grant permission for all committees and subcommittees to meet while the house is in session, pursuant to their committee postings or recess motions. For purposes of this motion, committees and subcommittees scheduled to meet or reconvene today upon final adjournment or recess or during bill referral if permission is granted are authorized to convene upon adoption by the house of today's adjournment motion.

Permission to meet was granted.

### 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 Rosenthal.

### SB 1 - COMMITTEE ON CALENDARS RULE ADOPTED

Representative Hunter moved to adopt the following rule governing floor consideration for **SB 1**:

**SECTION 1. AUTHORITY AND EFFECT.** This rule for floor consideration of **SB 1** is proposed by the Committee on Calendars, pursuant to Rule 3, Section 3(2). The rule is effective if it is approved by the house in accordance with Rule 6, Section 16(f).

**SECTION 2. PUT-AND-TAKE REQUIREMENT.** (a) During second and third reading consideration of the bill, any amendment that adds or increases an item of appropriation in the bill made from general revenue or a general revenue-dedicated account is not in order unless the amendment contains an equal or greater reduction in one or more items of appropriation in the bill from general revenue or from a general revenue-dedicated account, regardless of whether the general revenue-dedicated account is subject to certification.

(b) The provisions of this section do not apply to an amendment that makes an adjustment in an item of appropriation solely to correct a technical clerical error.

SECTION 3. OPENING DEBATE. (a) The opening debate on **SB 1** shall not exceed 40 minutes. One extension of time, not to exceed 20 minutes, may be granted by majority vote. A second extension of time may be granted only by unanimous consent.

(b) The first 20 minutes of the opening debate period shall be reserved for an explanation of the bill, without interruption, by the bill's sponsor, and, in succession, by the chair of each subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee.

(c) The second 20 minutes of the opening debate period, and any extensions granted pursuant to this rule, shall be reserved for the bill's sponsor and the subcommittee chairs to respond to questions from members regarding the content of the bill. The speaker may alternate between recognizing the bill's sponsor and recognizing the appropriate subcommittee chair to respond to a question from another member.

SECTION 4. PERFECTING AMENDMENT; CONSIDERATION OF AN INDIVIDUAL AMENDMENT TO BE PLACED IN ARTICLE XI. (a) The bill's sponsor may file, after the time period prescribed by Rule 11, Section 6(h), one perfecting amendment to make necessary technical adjustments. This subsection does not prohibit the bill's sponsor from offering other perfecting amendments that are in order under Rule 11, Sections 6 and 7.

(b) During consideration of an amendment, the amendment's author may move the adoption and placement in Article XI of the amendment, together with any changes adopted by the house, by including that instruction in the motion to adopt the amendment. Upon adoption of the motion, the text of the amendment, and any changes to the amendment that have been adopted by the house, will be placed in Article XI, and the journal will reflect that the text of the amendment, and any changes to the amendment adopted by the house, will be placed in Article XI.

SECTION 5. EN BLOC CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO BE PLACED IN ARTICLE XI. (a) If the primary author of a pre-filed amendment wishes to move the amendment to Article XI without debate, the primary author shall notify the parliamentarians, using a form prescribed by the parliamentarians.

(b) At the expiration of the opening debate period under SECTION 3, and at the conclusion of consideration of amendments that are not to be placed in Article XI, the speaker may recognize the bill's sponsor for a motion to adopt and place in Article XI the proposed amendments for which the parliamentarians have received notice under Subsection (a). Under such motion, the question shall be put to the house to:

- (1) adopt all amendments in a single motion;
- (2) place the text of the amendments in Article XI;
- (3) require the journal to reflect that the text of each amendment will be placed in Article XI;
- (4) direct the journal clerk to distribute to the members the list of each amendment included in the motion as soon as possible; and
- (5) permit members to record a vote in the journal on individual amendments included in a motion under this section by filing a statement with the journal clerk no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 17th, with the understanding

that the recording of a vote on an amendment adopted under this section does not affect the adoption of the amendment or the inclusion of the text of the amendment in Article XI.

The Committee on Calendars rule was adopted by (Record 59): 133 Yeas, 14 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Allen; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bowers; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Bumgarner; Button; Campos; Canales; Capriglione; Cole; Collier; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Davis, A.; Davis, Y.; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dutton; Dyson; Fairly; Flores; Frank; Gámez; Garcia, J.; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Harris Davila; Hayes; Hefner; Hernandez; Hickland; Hinojosa; Holt; 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; Lozano; Lujan; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Morgan; Muñoz; Noble; Oliverson; Ordaz; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Phelan; Pierson; Plesa; Raymond; Reynolds; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Simmons; Slawson; Spiller; Swanson; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Troclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wharton; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Nays — Cain; Harrison; Hopper; Kerwin; Lowe; Luther; Money; Olcott; Richardson; Rodríguez Ramos; Schatzline; Tinderholt; Toth; Virdell.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent, Excused — Anchía; Smithee.

### STATEMENT OF VOTE

When Record No. 59 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Holt

### HB 500 - COMMITTEE ON CALENDARS RULE ADOPTED

Representative Hunter moved to adopt the following rule governing floor consideration for **HB 500**:

**SECTION 1. AUTHORITY AND EFFECT.** This rule for floor consideration of **HB 500** is proposed by the Committee on Calendars, pursuant to Rule 3, Section 3(2). The rule is effective if it is approved by the house in accordance with Rule 6, Section 16(f).

**SECTION 2. PRE-FILING REQUIREMENT.** All original amendments that will be offered during second reading consideration of the bill must be filed with the chief clerk by 9 a.m. on Monday, April 7.

SECTION 3. PUT-AND-TAKE REQUIREMENT. (a) During second and third reading consideration of the bill, any amendment that adds or increases an item of appropriation in the bill made from general revenue or a general revenue-dedicated account is not in order unless the amendment contains an equal or greater reduction in one or more items of appropriation in the bill from general revenue or from a general revenue-dedicated account, regardless of whether the general revenue-dedicated account is subject to certification.

(b) The provisions of this section do not apply to an amendment that makes an adjustment in an item of appropriation solely to correct a technical clerical error.

SECTION 4. PERFECTING AMENDMENT; CONSIDERATION OF AN INDIVIDUAL AMENDMENT TO BE PLACED IN ARTICLE 9A. (a) The bill's author may file, after the time period prescribed by SECTION 2, one perfecting amendment to make necessary technical adjustments. This subsection does not prohibit the bill's author from offering other perfecting amendments that are in order under Rule 11, Sections 6 and 7.

(b) During consideration of an amendment, the amendment's author may move the adoption and placement in Article 9A of the amendment, together with any changes adopted by the house, by including that instruction in the motion to adopt the amendment. Article 9A shall be inserted into the bill upon adoption of an en bloc list of amendments under SECTION 5. An amendment placed in Article 9A does not constitute an item of appropriation or a permissible detail, restriction, or limitation of an item of appropriation, but reflects the intent of the legislature that the subject matter of the amendment be given consideration at such time as resources are available or implementation is feasible.

Upon adoption of the motion, the text of the amendment, and any changes to the amendment that have been adopted by the house, will be placed in Article 9A, and the journal will reflect that the text of the amendment, and any changes to the amendment adopted by the house, will be placed in Article 9A.

SECTION 5. EN BLOC CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO BE PLACED IN ARTICLE 9A. (a) If the primary author of a pre-filed amendment wishes to move the amendment to Article 9A without debate, the primary author shall notify the parliamentarians, using a form prescribed by the parliamentarians.

(b) At the expiration of the bill author's time for opening debate under Rule 5, Sections 27 and 28, and at the conclusion of consideration of amendments that are not to be placed in Article 9A, the speaker may recognize the bill's author for a motion to adopt and place in Article 9A the proposed amendments for which the parliamentarians have received notice under Subsection (a). Under such motion, the question shall be put to the house to:

- (1) adopt all amendments in a single motion;
- (2) place the text of the amendments in Article 9A;
- (3) require the journal to reflect that the text of each amendment will be placed in Article 9A;
- (4) direct the journal clerk to distribute to the members the list of each amendment included in the motion as soon as possible; and

(5) permit members to record a vote in the journal on individual amendments included in a motion under this section by filing a statement with the journal clerk no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 17th, with the understanding that the recording of a vote on an amendment adopted under this section does not affect the adoption of the amendment or the inclusion of the text of the amendment in Article 9A.

The Committee on Calendars rule was adopted by (Record 60): 131 Yeas, 15 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Allen; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bowers; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Bumgarner; Button; Campos; Canales; Capriglione; Cole; Collier; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Davis, A.; Davis, Y.; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dutton; Dyson; Fairly; Flores; Frank; Gámez; Garcia, J.; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Harris Davila; Hayes; Hefner; Hernandez; Hickland; Hinojosa; 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; Lozano; Lujan; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Morgan; Muñoz; Noble; Oliverson; Ordaz; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Phelan; Pierson; Plesa; Raymond; Reynolds; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Simmons; Slawson; Spiller; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wharton; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Nays — Cain; Harrison; Holt; Hopper; Kerwin; Lowe; Luther; Money; Olcott; Richardson; Rodríguez Ramos; Schatzline; Tinderholt; Toth; Virdell.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent, Excused — Anchía; Smithee.

Absent — Swanson.

### STATEMENT OF VOTE

When Record No. 60 was taken, my vote failed to register. I would have voted yes.

Swanson

### COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The following committee meeting was announced:

Higher Education, upon adjournment/recess or bill referral, if permission is granted, today, 3W.9, for a formal meeting, to consider pending, referred, and committee business.

(Speaker pro tempore in the chair)

**HR 650 - ADOPTED**  
**(by E. Morales)**

Representative E. Morales moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 650**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 650**, Recognizing April 2, 2025, as Val Verde County-Del Rio Day at the State Capitol.

**HR 650** was adopted.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

The chair recognized Representative E. Morales who introduced a delegation from Val Verde County.

**HR 659 - ADOPTED**  
**(by Shaheen and Lalani)**

Representative Shaheen moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 659**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 659**, Recognizing April 2, 2025, as Strength in Unity: Elevating Texas Together Day at the State Capitol and extending appreciation to the members of the Bochasanwasi Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha spiritual organization.

**HR 659** was adopted. (Dean, Gerdes, Harrison, Hopper, Kerwin, Kitzman, Money, Olcott, Orr, Richardson, Schoolcraft, Slawson, and Tepper recorded voting no.)

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

The chair recognized Representative Shaheen who introduced members of Bochasanwasi Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha.

**HR 515 - INTRODUCTION OF GUEST**

The chair recognized Representative Ashby who introduced David Alders, president of the Texas Forestry Association.

(Speaker in the chair)

**HR 33 - PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED**  
**(by Lalani)**

The chair laid out the following previously adopted resolution:

**HR 33**, Recognizing April 2, 2025, as World Autism Awareness Day.

**GENERAL STATE CALENDAR  
HOUSE BILLS  
THIRD READING**

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

**HB 195 ON THIRD READING**

**(by Plesa, Garcia Hernandez, Leach, Capriglione, Troxclair, et al.)**

**HB 195**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the dissemination of certain school district ad valorem tax-related information.

**HB 195** was passed by (Record 61): 130 Yeas, 17 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

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

Nays — Cain; Harrison; Hopper; Isaac; Kerwin; Little; Lowe; Lozano; Luther; Meza; Money; Olcott; Richardson; Schatzline; Swanson; Tinderholt; Toth.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent, Excused — Anchía; Smithee.

**STATEMENT OF VOTE**

When Record No. 61 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Rodríguez Ramos

**HB 13 ON THIRD READING**

**(by King, Guillen, Hunter, Moody, Bonnen, et al.)**

**HB 13**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to creating the Texas Interoperability Council and a grant program administered by the council.

**HB 13** was passed by (Record 62): 129 Yeas, 18 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.



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

Nays — Cain; Harrison; Hopper; Isaac; Kerwin; Leo Wilson; Little; Lowe; Luther; Money; Morgan; Olcott; Pierson; Richardson; Schatzline; Tinderholt; Toth; Virdell.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent, Excused — Anchía; Smithee.

### STATEMENT OF VOTE

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

Isaac

### HB 143 ON THIRD READING

(by King, Darby, Hunter, Fairly, Anchía, et al.)

**HB 143**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the authority of the Railroad Commission of Texas and the Public Utility Commission of Texas to address a failure by an operator to maintain an electrical power line serving a well site or certain surface facilities in accordance with the National Electrical Code.

**HB 143** was passed by (Record 63): 132 Yeas, 15 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Allen; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bowers; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Bumgarner; Button; Campos; Canales; Capriglione; Cole; Collier; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Davis, A.; Davis, Y.; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dutton; Dyson; Fairly; Flores; Frank; Gámez; Garcia, J.; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Harris Davila; Hayes; Hefner; Hernandez; Hickland; Hinojosa; Holt; Howard; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Johnson; Jones, J.; Jones, V.; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lalani; Lambert; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Louderback; Lozano; Lujan; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer;

McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Morgan; Muñoz; Noble; Oliverson; Ordaz; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Phelan; Plesa; Raymond; Reynolds; Rodríguez Ramos; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Simmons; Slawson; Spiller; Swanson; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wharton; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Nays — Cain; Harrison; Hopper; Kerwin; Little; Lowe; Luther; Money; Olcott; Pierson; Richardson; Schatzline; Tinderholt; Toth; Virdell.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent, Excused — Anchía; Smithee.

### STATEMENT OF VOTE

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

Kerwin

### HB 135 ON THIRD READING

(by Button, Noble, Turner, Capriglione, Meyer, et al.)

**HB 135**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to exemptions from sales and use taxes for game animals and exotic animals.

**HB 135** was passed by (Record 64): 118 Yeas, 27 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bowers; Buckley; Bucy; Bumgarner; Button; Campos; Canales; Capriglione; Cole; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Davis, A.; Davis, Y.; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dyson; Fairly; Flores; Frank; Gámez; Garcia, J.; Garcia Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Harris Davila; Hefner; Hernandez; Hickland; Howard; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Johnson; Jones, J.; Jones, V.; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lalani; Lambert; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Louderback; Lujan; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morgan; Muñoz; Noble; Ordaz; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Phelan; Pierson; Plesa; Raymond; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Simmons; Slawson; Spiller; Swanson; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Virdell; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wharton; Wilson; Wu.

Nays — Allen; Bryant; Cain; Collier; Garcia, L.; Goodwin; Harrison; Hayes; Hinojosa; Holt; Hopper; Kerwin; Little; Lowe; Lozano; Luther; Money; Morales Shaw; Olcott; Oliverson; Reynolds; Richardson; Rodríguez Ramos; Schatzline; Tinderholt; Toth; Zwiener.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent, Excused — Anchía; Smithee.

Absent — Dutton; González, M.

**STATEMENTS OF VOTE**

When Record No. 64 was taken, I was shown voting no. I intended to vote yes.

Allen

When Record No. 64 was taken, I was shown voting no. I intended to vote yes.

Kerwin

When Record No. 64 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

C. Morales

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS CALENDAR  
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS  
SECOND READING**

The following resolutions were laid before the house and read second time:

**HJR 1 ON SECOND READING**

**(by Meyer, Bonnen, Button, Martinez Fischer, Bernal, et al.)**

**HJR 1**, A joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation a portion of the market value of tangible personal property a person owns that is held or used for the production of income.

**Amendment No. 1**

Representative Virdell offered the following amendment to **HJR 1**:

Amend **HJR 1** (house committee report) on page 1, line 9, by striking "\$250,000" and substituting "\$1 million".

**AMENDMENT NO. 1 - REMARKS**

REPRESENTATIVE VIRDELL: I appreciate what Mr. Meyer has filed here. I also feel that it needs to be higher. Business owners already pay sales tax on many things to include tooling, microwaves, vehicles, furniture, computers, equipment, et cetera. Many of you are business owners and understand what I am talking about here. To be taxed annually on items that sales tax has already been paid for is immoral and unfair, and I would like to ask that members vote yes to my amendment.

REPRESENTATIVE LITTLE: Representative Virdell, do you know how much in tax our state has over collected from its citizens and businesses such that we have a surplus in this state?

VIRDELL: I do know we have a surplus. I don't know the number.

LITTLE: Would it sound correct if I shared with you that it was around \$24 billion?

VIRDELL: That does sound correct.

LITTLE: I note that the fiscal note on this house joint resolution is \$566 million. Seems like we have a lot of room left to solve this problem, do we not, Representative Virdell?

VIRDELL: I would agree with that, Representative Little.

LITTLE: You may have heard Chairman Hunter state earlier that we have a balanced budget in this state. If we have a \$24 billion surplus, it doesn't sound like we have a balanced budget in our state, does it?

VIRDELL: It does not.

LITTLE: Do you own a business, Representative Virdell?

VIRDELL: I have, and my family does.

LITTLE: When you owned a business, did you pay franchise taxes?

VIRDELL: Yes.

LITTLE: Real property tax?

VIRDELL: Yes.

LITTLE: Business personal property tax?

VIRDELL: Yep.

LITTLE: Federal income tax?

VIRDELL: Yes, sir.

LITTLE: Sales tax?

VIRDELL: Yep.

LITTLE: We can afford this amendment as a state, can't we, Mr. Virdell?

VIRDELL: Yes, sir. Appreciate your questions.

LITTLE: Why don't we go ahead and move this amendment through—put more money back into the pockets of the people that are guaranteeing the "Texas Miracle." This is a good amendment, and I recommend that we all vote for it and support it.

REPRESENTATIVE LUTHER: Mr. Virdell, when you buy a car in this state, how many times do you pay taxes on it?

VIRDELL: You pay the sales tax on it, and then if you are a business owner, you're going to pay an annual property tax on the value of that vehicle also.

LUTHER: So for every year that you own that or it's part of your business, you're going to pay for it multiple times?

VIRDELL: That's correct. And same for forklifts and many other equipment—all other equipment.

LUTHER: So is that a form of double taxation?

VIRDELL: It is 100 percent double taxation.

LUTHER: Thank you, sir. I move that this amendment gets passed.

REPRESENTATIVE MEYER: I am going to move to table this amendment. We are currently aligned with the senate in the amount of business tax relief we are able to provide pursuant to our budgets. The senate, if you'll take a look at their base budget, has about \$500 million. This exemption costs about \$560 million. And so what we're trying to do is have a comprehensive package of tax relief for Texans. And so this is the limit that we have gotten to with the senate. We're aligned with the senate. And quite frankly if something like this were to pass—and don't get me wrong, in the future, I would love to see this get increased—then we would naturally have to take from **HB 8**, from the other property tax relief. It would shift from our individual residents the property tax relief we want to provide them. So for those reasons, I move to table.

Representative Meyer moved to table Amendment No. 1.

VIRDELL: Like I said, I really appreciate Representative Meyer filing this bill. I think it's a great bill. And I think that regardless of whether this amendment passes or not, we should pass this bill. But I would like to ask that y'all take a vote on this, and I hope somebody will request a record vote on this amendment.

The motion to table prevailed by (Record 65): 102 Yeas, 42 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bowers; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Button; Campos; Canales; Capriglione; Cole; Collier; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Davis, A.; Davis, Y.; Dean; Dutton; Dyson; Fairly; Flores; Frank; Gámez; García Hernandez; Gerdes; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Guerra; Harless; Harris; Hefner; Hernandez; Hickland; Hinojosa; Howard; Hull; Hunter; Johnson; Jones, J.; Jones, V.; King; Kitzman; Lalani; Lambert; Landgraf; Leach; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Lujan; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Muñoz; Noble; Oliverson; Ordaz; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Phelan; Plesa; Raymond; Reynolds; Rodríguez Ramos; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Shaheen; Simmons; Slawson; Spiller; Talarico; Tepper; Turner; VanDeaver; Villalobos; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wharton; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Nays — Alders; Allen; Bumgarner; Cain; Cook; DeAyala; Dorazio; Garcia, J.; Garcia, L.; Gates; Goodwin; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hayes; Holt; Hopper; Isaac; Kerwin; LaHood; Leo Wilson; Little; Louderback; Lowe; Lozano; Luther; McLaughlin; Money; Morales Shaw; Morgan; Olcott; Pierson; Richardson; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shofner; Swanson; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; Vasut; Virdell.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent, Excused — Anchía; Smithee.

Absent — Ashby; Guillen; Thompson.

### STATEMENTS OF VOTE

When Record No. 65 was taken, I was shown voting no. I intended to vote yes.

Allen

When Record No. 65 was taken, I was temporarily out of the house chamber. I would have voted no.

Ashby

When Record No. 65 was taken, I was shown voting no. I intended to vote yes.

L. Garcia

When Record No. 65 was taken, I was shown voting no. I intended to vote yes.

Goodwin

#### Amendment No. 2

Representative Virdell offered the following amendment to **HJR 1**:

Amend **HJR 1** (house committee report) on page 1, line 9, by striking "\$250,000" and substituting "\$500,000".

Representative Meyer moved to table Amendment No. 2.

The motion to table prevailed by (Record 66): 109 Yeas, 34 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Allen; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bonnen; Bowers; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Button; Campos; Canales; Capriglione; Cole; Collier; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Davis, A.; Davis, Y.; Dean; Dutton; Dyson; Fairly; Flores; Frank; Gámez; Garcia, J.; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Hefner; Hernandez; Hickland; Hinojosa; Howard; Hull; Hunter; Johnson; Jones, J.; Jones, V.; King; Kitzman; Lalani; Lambert; Landgraf; Leach; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Lujan; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Muñoz; Noble; Oliverson; Ordaz; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Phelan; Plesa; Raymond; Reynolds; Rodríguez Ramos; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Shaheen; Simmons; Spiller; Talarico; Tepper; Turner; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wharton; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Nays — Bumgarner; Cain; Cook; DeAyala; Dorazio; Harrison; Hayes; Holt; Hopper; Isaac; Kerwin; LaHood; Leo Wilson; Little; Louderback; Lowe; Lozano; Luther; McLaughlin; Money; Morgan; Olcott; Pierson; Richardson; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shofner; Slawson; Swanson; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; Virdell.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C); Harris Davila.

Absent, Excused — Anchía; Smithee.

Absent — Ashby; Bhojani; Thompson.

**STATEMENTS OF VOTE**

When Record No. 66 was taken, I was temporarily out of the house chamber. I would have voted no.

Ashby

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

Bhojani

When Record No. 66 was taken, I was shown voting present, not voting. I intended to vote no.

Harris Davila

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

Vasut

**REMARKS ORDERED PRINTED**

Representative Little moved to print all remarks on Amendment No. 1 on **HJR 1**.

The motion prevailed.

**HJR 1** was adopted by (Record 67): 132 Yeas, 13 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

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

Nays — Allen; Bowers; Collier; Flores; Guerra; Hinojosa; Meza; Reynolds; Rodríguez Ramos; Rosenthal; Walle; Ward Johnson; Zwiener.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent, Excused — Anchía; Smithee.

Absent — González, M.; Virdell.

### STATEMENTS OF VOTE

When Record No. 67 was taken, I was shown voting no. I intended to vote yes.

Bowers

When Record No. 67 was taken, I was shown voting no. I intended to vote yes.

Guerra

When Record No. 67 was taken, I was shown voting no. I intended to vote yes.

Hinojosa

When Record No. 67 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Simmons

When Record No. 67 was taken, my vote failed to register. I would have voted yes.

Virdell

When Record No. 67 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Wu

### HJR 2 ON SECOND READING

(by Geren, McQueeney, Meyer, Metcalf, et al.)

**HJR 2**, A joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment prohibiting the legislature from imposing death taxes applicable to a decedent's property or the transfer of an estate, inheritance, legacy, succession, or gift.

Representative Geren moved to postpone consideration of **HJR 2** until 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 15.

The motion prevailed.

### GENERAL STATE CALENDAR

#### HOUSE BILLS

#### SECOND READING

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



**HB 9 ON SECOND READING**

**(by Meyer, Bonnen, Hickland, Martinez Fischer, Bernal, et al.)**

**HB 9**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of a portion of the appraised value of tangible personal property a person owns that is held or used for the production of income.

**HB 9** was passed to engrossment by (Record 68): 132 Yeas, 12 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

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

Nays — Allen; Collier; Hinojosa; Lalani; Meza; Morales, C.; Morales Shaw; Rodríguez Ramos; Rosenthal; Walle; Ward Johnson; Zwiener.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent, Excused — Anchía; Smithee.

Absent — Campos; Flores; Garcia, J.

**STATEMENTS OF VOTE**

When Record No. 68 was taken, my vote failed to register. I would have voted yes.

Campos

When Record No. 68 was taken, my vote failed to register. I would have voted no.

Flores

When Record No. 68 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted yes.

J. Garcia

When Record No. 68 was taken, I was shown voting no. I intended to vote yes.

C. Morales

When Record No. 68 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Simmons

When Record No. 68 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Wu

### **HB 22 ON SECOND READING**

**(by Noble, Meyer, Capriglione, Martinez Fischer, Turner, et al.)**

**HB 22**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation of intangible personal property.

**HB 22** was passed to engrossment by (Record 69): 133 Yeas, 11 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Allen; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bowers; Buckley; Bucy; Bumgarner; Button; Campos; Canales; Capriglione; Cole; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Davis, A.; Davis, Y.; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dyson; Fairly; Frank; Gámez; Garcia, J.; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hernandez; Hickland; Holt; Hopper; Howard; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Johnson; Jones, J.; Jones, V.; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lalani; Lambert; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Louderback; Lowe; Lozano; Lujan; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Money; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Morgan; Muñoz; Noble; 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; Spiller; Swanson; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Virdell; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wharton; Wilson; Wu.

Nays — Bryant; Cain; Collier; Dutton; Goodwin; Hinojosa; Little; Luther; Meza; Rodríguez Ramos; Zwiener.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent, Excused — Anchía; Smithee.

Absent — Flores; González, M.; Vo.

**STATEMENTS OF VOTE**

When Record No. 69 was taken, I was shown voting no. I intended to vote yes.

Cain

When Record No. 69 was taken, my vote failed to register. I would have voted yes.

Flores

When Record No. 69 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Rosenthal

When Record No. 69 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Simmons

When Record No. 67 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Wu

**HB 908 ON SECOND READING  
(by Spiller, Lalani, et al.)**

**HB 908**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the reporting by law enforcement agencies of missing children to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

**HB 908** was passed to engrossment.

**HB 1392 ON SECOND READING  
(by Bucy)**

**HB 1392**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the postponement of the delinquency date for a payment of ad valorem taxes imposed by a taxing unit if the office of the collector for the taxing unit is closed on the delinquency date.

**HB 1392** was passed to engrossment by (Record 70): 145 Yeas, 2 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Allen; 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; Garcia, J.; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; 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.; Jones, V.; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lalani; Lambert; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; 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; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Phelan; Pierson; Plesa; Raymond; Reynolds; Richardson; Rodríguez Ramos; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Simmons; Slawson; Spiller; Swanson; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Toth; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Virdell; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wharton; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Nays — Little; Tinderholt.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent, Excused — Anchiá; Smithee.

### **PROVIDING FOR ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:38 a.m., Representative Lambert moved that, at the conclusion of the reading of bills and resolutions on first reading and referral to committees, the house adjourn until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

The motion prevailed.

### **BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING AND REFERRAL TO COMMITTEES RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES**

Bills and joint resolutions were at this time laid before the house, read first time, and referred to committees. Resolutions were at this time laid before the house and referred to committees. (See the addendum to the daily journal, Referred to Committees, List Nos. 1 and 2.)

(Geren in the chair)

### **ADJOURNMENT**

In accordance with a previous motion, the house, at 11:48 a.m., adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

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### **ADDENDUM**

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### **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 1520** (By Kitzman), Relating to the Angelina and Neches River Authority, following recommendations of the Sunset Advisory Commission; specifying grounds for the removal of a member of the board of directors.

To Natural Resources.

**HB 1525** (By Kitzman), Relating to the Lower Neches Valley Authority, following recommendations of the Sunset Advisory Commission; specifying grounds for the removal of a member of the board of directors.

To Natural Resources.

**HB 1530** (By Kitzman), Relating to the Sabine River Authority of Texas, following recommendations of the Sunset Advisory Commission; specifying grounds for the removal of a member of the board of directors.

To Natural Resources.

**HB 1535** (By Kitzman), Relating to the Trinity River Authority of Texas, following recommendations of the Sunset Advisory Commission; specifying grounds for the removal of a member of the board of directors.

To Natural Resources.

**HB 4401** (By Vo), Relating to the collection of fees and refunds of under Chapter 1006 of the Transportation Code by the Comptroller.

To Transportation.

**HB 4402** (By Gámez), Relating to human operators of certain automated motor vehicles.

To Transportation.

**HB 4403** (By Gámez), Relating to the election of junior college district trustees by plurality vote.

To Higher Education.

**HB 4404** (By Pierson), Relating to the consideration of the provision of law enforcement, fire protection, and emergency services by a commissioners court or the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality when determining whether to grant or deny a petition for the creation of certain conservation and reclamation districts.

To Natural Resources.

**HB 4405** (By Cain), Relating to a commission to coordinate celebrations of the bicentennial anniversary of Texas' independence.

To Culture, Recreation, and Tourism.

**HB 4406** (By Phelan), Relating to the reporting of direct campaign expenditures by certain persons and political committees.

To State Affairs.

**HB 4407** (By Phelan), Relating to providing property tax relief through the public school finance system and property tax appraisal and administration.

To Ways and Means.

**HB 4408** (By Dean), Relating to required reporting of information on the ownership and control of certain health care entities; providing a civil penalty; authorizing a fee.

To Public Health.

**HB 4409** (By Oliverson), Relating to the audiology and speech-language pathology interstate compact; authorizing fees.

To Public Health.

**HB 4410** (By Longoria), Relating to Medicaid reimbursement rates for certain ground ambulance services.

To Human Services.

**HB 4411** (By Gámez), Relating to school district hearings regarding complaints.

To Public Education.

**HB 4412** (By Landgraf), Relating to the use of hotel occupancy tax revenue by certain municipalities.

To Ways and Means.

**HB 4413** (By Paul), Relating to mass balance attribution of renewable biomass feedstocks used to produce renewable chemicals.

To Environmental Regulation.

**HB 4414** (By Alders), Relating to certain criminal offenses involving mail or a mail receptacle key or lock; creating a criminal offense; increasing a criminal penalty.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

**HB 4415** (By Gámez), Relating to waiver of immunity in certain employment discrimination actions in connection with a workers' compensation claim.

To s/c Workforce (Trade, Workforce, and Economic Development).

**HB 4416** (By McLaughlin), Relating to disorderly or threatening behavior and measures by public schools and institutions of higher education to prevent that behavior; increasing criminal penalties; creating a criminal offense.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

**HB 4417** (By Gámez), Relating to the use of certain money from the state highway fund for certain projects in the Safe Routes to School Program.

To s/c Transportation Funding (Transportation).

**HB 4418** (By E. Morales), Relating to the authority of a county attorney or district attorney to enforce human trafficking awareness and prevention in commercial lodging establishments.

To Trade, Workforce, and Economic Development.

**HB 4419** (By Orr), Relating to peace officers commissioned by the Health and Human Services Commission's office of inspector general.

To Human Services.

**HB 4420** (By Rose), Relating to the collection of information on available beds at inpatient mental health facilities providing acute psychiatric treatment.

To Public Health.

**HB 4421** (By Rose), Relating to available resources of certain state agencies to support and sustain peer-recovery organizations in this state.

To Public Health.

**HB 4422** (By Rose), Relating to discriminatory practices by a health benefit plan issuer, pharmacy benefit manager, and third-party payor with respect to certain entities participating in a federal drug discount program.

To Insurance.

**HB 4423** (By Cain), Relating to the collection, possession, or use of biometric identifiers and biometric information.

To Delivery of Government Efficiency.

**HB 4424** (By DeAyala), Relating to promoting re-employment and deterring fraud and abuse in the Texas unemployment benefits program.

To Trade, Workforce, and Economic Development.

**HB 4425** (By Cain), Relating to prohibiting public officers and employees from displaying preferred gender pronouns; authorizing a private civil right of action.

To State Affairs.

**HB 4426** (By Darby), Relating to the term of a permit issued by the Railroad Commission of Texas for a commercial surface disposal facility.

To Energy Resources.

**HB 4427** (By Darby), Relating to the recovery of certain expenses by an electric utility or a water and sewer utility in a rate proceeding.

To State Affairs.

**HB 4428** (By A. Davis), Relating to the approval of innovative courses by the State Board of Education.

To Public Education.

**HB 4429** (By McQueeney, Shofner, and Troxclair), Relating to the designation of a portion of U.S. Highway 281 in Blanco and Burnet Counties as the Muckleroy Memorial Highway.

To Transportation.

**HB 4430** (By McQueeney), Relating to an annual study on motor vehicle collisions in this state.

To Transportation.

**HB 4431** (By Cain), Relating to repealing the chapter of the Local Government Code related to zoological operation and maintenance boards.

To s/c County and Regional Government (Intergovernmental Affairs).

**HB 4432** (By Dean), Relating to the board of directors of the Texas Mutual Insurance Company.

To Insurance.

**HB 4433** (By Dean), Relating to the requirements for obtaining an interbasin water transfer permit.

To Natural Resources.

**HB 4434** (By Turner), Relating to the treatment for ad valorem tax purposes of the residence homestead of a totally disabled veteran.

To Ways and Means.

**HB 4435** (By Orr), Relating to a maternal health training program for certain health care providers.

To Public Health.

**HB 4436** (By Louderback), Relating to certain images captured by an unmanned aircraft for purposes of news-gathering.

To State Affairs.

**HB 4437** (By Capriglione), Relating to a requirement that the Department of Information Resources implement and develop certain systems and databases to authenticate and track certain digital content.

To Delivery of Government Efficiency.

**HB 4438** (By Shofner), Relating to a preceptorship program in a pediatric subspecialty for medical students in this state.

To Higher Education.

**HB 4439** (By Metcalf), Relating to creating the Governor's Medal of Service award to recognize service to the people of Texas.

To State Affairs.

**HB 4440** (By Leo Wilson), Relating to the use of receipts from attendance credit purchased under the public school finance system.

To Public Education.

**HB 4441** (By Villalobos), Relating to the administration of topical ophthalmic medications at certain health care facilities.

To Public Health.

**HB 4442** (By Bhojani, Allen, Lujan, J. Lopez, and Howard), Relating to an elective course on mindfulness for middle school, junior high school, and high school students.

To Public Education.

**HB 4443** (By Bhojani), Relating to the establishment by the Texas Workforce Commission of a pilot program to train workers for careers in energy-efficient technologies.

To s/c Workforce (Trade, Workforce, and Economic Development).

**HB 4444** (By Bhojani), Relating to the authority of a public library to provide multilingual resources for emerging communities.

To Culture, Recreation, and Tourism.

**HB 4445** (By Bhojani), Relating to participation in the uniform group coverage program for active school employees.

To Pensions, Investments, and Financial Services.



**HB 4446** (By Cortez), Relating to the transition of certain veterans' mental health initiatives from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission to the Texas Veterans Commission.

To s/c Defense and Veterans' Affairs (Homeland Security, Public Safety, and Veterans' Affairs).

**HB 4447** (By Hickland), Relating to information that a property owners' association must file with the Texas Real Estate Commission; authorizing an administrative penalty.

To Trade, Workforce, and Economic Development.

**HB 4448** (By Hickland), Relating to an automated artificial intelligence review of library material purchased by public schools; providing an administrative penalty.

To Public Education.

**HB 4449** (By Smithee), Relating to the sale of alcoholic beverages in areas annexed by certain municipalities.

To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

**HB 4450** (By Johnson), Relating to procedures for approving certain projects and permit applications by the Texas Historical Commission.

To Culture, Recreation, and Tourism.

**HJR 181** (By V. Perez), Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing elections for the recall of a member of the board of trustees of an independent school district.

To Public Education.

**HJR 182** (By Patterson), Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to issue general obligation bonds in an aggregate principal amount that is greater than amounts previously authorized.

To Pensions, Investments, and Financial Services.

**HJR 183** (By Noble), Proposing a constitutional amendment establishing the property tax reduction fund to reduce school district maintenance and operations ad valorem taxes and dedicating certain unencumbered general revenue and certain general revenue that would otherwise be transferred to the economic stabilization fund to that fund.

To Appropriations.

**HJR 184** (By Reynolds), Proposing a constitutional amendment to provide a person convicted of a felony with the right to vote.

To Elections.

**HJR 185** (By M. González), Proposing a constitutional amendment to require the governor to execute model gaming compacts with the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas and the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and to authorize those tribes to sue this state if the governor fails to execute said model gaming compacts.

To State Affairs.

**HJR 186** (By Allen), Proposing a constitutional amendment prohibiting slavery and involuntary servitude.

To State Affairs.

**HJR 187** (By Cook), Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation a percentage of the assessed value of property owned by certain disabled veterans.

To Ways and Means.

**HJR 188** (By Barry), Proposing a constitutional amendment creating the Local Government Water Redevelopment Fund to assist in financing water projects in this state.

To Natural Resources.

**HJR 189** (By Hopper), Proposing a constitutional amendment specifying the authority of the attorney general to prosecute a criminal offense prescribed by the election laws of this state.

To State Affairs.

**HJR 190** (By Hopper), Proposing a constitutional amendment to limit the time that a person may serve as a member of the Texas House of Representatives to 12 consecutive years and as a member of the Texas Senate to 14 consecutive years.

To State Affairs.

## **List No. 2**

**HR 682** (By Leo Wilson), In memory of Janette Kathleen Davis of Galveston.

To Local and Consent Calendars.

**HR 683** (By V. Perez), Honoring the El Paso del Norte chapter of the Women's Council of REALTORS on the occasion of the installation of its 2025 board members and committee chairs.

To Local and Consent Calendars.

**HR 684** (By Hinojosa), Honoring Chief Russell Martin of the Tonkawa Tribe of Oklahoma.

To Local and Consent Calendars.

**HR 685** (By Hinojosa), Congratulating Joanna Botello on being selected as the 2025 Teacher of Promise at Navarro Early College High School in the Austin Independent School District.

To Local and Consent Calendars.

**HR 686** (By Hinojosa), Congratulating Lia Ferrante on being selected as the 2025 Teacher of Promise at McCallum High School in the Austin Independent School District.

To Local and Consent Calendars.

**HR 687** (By Hinojosa), Congratulating Bryce Hilber on being selected as the 2025 Teacher of Promise at Crockett Early College High School in the Austin Independent School District.

To Local and Consent Calendars.

**HR 688** (By Hinojosa), Congratulating Emma Arthurs on being selected as the 2025 Teacher of Promise at Austin High School in the Austin Independent School District.

To Local and Consent Calendars.

**HR 689** (By Hinojosa), Congratulating Chris Zvokel on being selected as the 2025 Teacher of Promise at the Ann Richards School for Young Women Leaders in the Austin Independent School District.

To Local and Consent Calendars.

**HR 690** (By Louderback), In memory of Sister Emilie Eilers of Victoria.

To Local and Consent Calendars.

**HR 693** (By Lozano), Recognizing April 16, 2025, as Refugio County Day at the State Capitol.

To Local and Consent Calendars.

**HR 694** (By Gerdes), Congratulating Jerry Lou Haddock of Houston on her 90th birthday.

To Local and Consent Calendars.

**HR 695** (By Leach), Congratulating the City of McKinney on its receipt of six Transparency Stars from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

To Local and Consent Calendars.

**HR 696** (By Leach), In memory of Mary Jane "MJ" Hamilton of Allen.

To Local and Consent Calendars.

**HR 697** (By Leach), Recognizing April 1 and 2, 2025, as Collin County Days at the State Capitol.

To Local and Consent Calendars.

**HR 698** (By Johnson), Recognizing May 15, 2025, as Hyperemesis Gravidarum Awareness Day.

To Local and Consent Calendars.

**HR 699** (By Orr), Congratulating Nucor Corporation on the 50th anniversary of its Nucor Steel–Texas plant in Jewett.

To Local and Consent Calendars.

### 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  
Wednesday, April 2, 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:

- SB 8**                                 Schwertner  
Relating to agreements between sheriffs and the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement to enforce federal immigration law.
- SB 16**                                 Hughes  
Relating to requiring a person to submit proof of citizenship to register to vote; creating criminal offenses.
- SB 108**                                 Hall  
Relating to the appointment of election clerks.
- SB 207**                                 Paxton  
Relating to excused absences from public school for certain students to attend mental health care appointments.
- SB 251**                                 Flores  
Relating to the creation of criminal law magistrates for Bell County.
- SB 318**                                 Creighton  
Relating to the establishment of the election integrity division in the office of the attorney general.
- SB 371**                                 Campbell  
Relating to parental approval for a student's participation in human sexuality instruction in public schools.
- SB 396**                                 Kolkhorst  
Relating to confirmation of a voter's residence by a voter registrar.
- SB 472**                                 Sparks  
Relating to the right of the chief appraiser of an appraisal district, the appraisal district, or the appraisal review board of the appraisal district to bring certain claims in an appeal of an order of the appraisal review board.
- SB 503**                                 Perry  
Relating to the establishment of an electronic registry of livestock marks and brands.

- SB 533** Sparks  
Relating to the election date for the authorization of the issuance of bonds or a tax increase.
- SB 599** West  
Relating to the authority of a political subdivision to regulate a licensed, registered, or listed group day-care home or family home.
- SB 621** Sparks  
Relating to a prohibition on the establishment, operation, or ownership of a public bank by a political subdivision.
- SB 707** King  
Relating to the authority of the legislature to determine that certain federal directives are unconstitutional and to prohibit certain government officers and employees from enforcing or assisting in the enforcement of the directive.
- SB 856** Flores  
Relating to the use of the skills development fund by certain entities.
- SB 875** Birdwell  
Relating to prohibiting election activities committed by a member of the board of trustees or superintendent of an independent school district or on certain school district premises; creating criminal offenses.
- SB 965** Parker  
Relating to the right of a public school employee to engage in religious speech or prayer while on duty.
- SB 1021** Huffman  
Relating to changing the eligibility for community supervision of a person convicted of stalking and to the offense of improper contact with the person's victim.
- SB 1185** Creighton  
Relating to an exemption from boiler registration and inspection requirements for certain boilers in medical equipment and autoclaves.
- SB 1207** King  
Relating to instruction on adoption in the parenting and paternity awareness program in public schools.
- SB 1330** Hancock  
Relating to billing and reimbursement for certain medical equipment, devices, and supplies provided to Medicare enrollees; creating a criminal offense.
- SB 1497** Nichols  
Relating to the search of certain wireless communications devices by a peace officer.
- SB 1498** Nichols  
Relating to civil asset forfeiture of digital currency or other similar property.
- SB 1535** Zaffirini

Relating to the establishment by the Texas Workforce Commission of an advanced nuclear energy workforce development program.

**SB 1619** Zaffirini

Relating to the use of an epinephrine delivery device by certain entities.

**SJR 37** Birdwell

Proposing a constitutional amendment clarifying that a voter must be a United States citizen.

Respectfully,

Patsy Spaw

Secretary of the Senate

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## APPENDIX

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### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Favorable reports have been filed by committees as follows:

**April 1**

Delivery of Government Efficiency - **HB 150, HB 252, HB 643, HB 1442, HB 1893, HB 2768, HB 2818**

Higher Education - **HB 126, HB 290, HB 2110, HJR 5**

Insurance - **HB 138**

Pensions, Investments, and Financial Services - **HB 1142**

State Affairs - **HB 14, HB 145, HB 366, HB 1127, HB 1393, HB 1584, HB 1640, HB 1710, HB 2152, HCR 101, HJR 8, HR 51**

Trade, Workforce, and Economic Development - **HB 517, HB 1093, HB 1268, HB 1395**

### ENGROSSED

**April 1 - HJR 4**