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PROCEEDINGS

ELEVENTH DAY — WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2005

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 39).

Present — Mr. Speaker; Allen, A.; Allen, R.; Alonzo; Anchia; Anderson; Bailey; Baxter; Berman; Blake; Bohac; Bonnen; Branch; Burnam; Callegari; Campbell; Casteel; Chavez; Chisum; Coleman; Cook, B.; Cook, R.; Crabb; Crownover; Davis, J.; Davis, Y.; Dawson; Deshotel; Driver; Dukes; Dunnam; Dutton; Edwards; Elkins; Escobar; Farabee; Farrar; Flores; Flynn; Frost; Gallego; Gattis; Geren; Giddings; Gonzales; Gonzalez Toureilles; Goolsby; Griggs; Grusendorf; Guillen; Haggerty; Hamilton; Hamric; Hardcastle; Harper-Brown; Hartnett; Hegar; Herrero; Hilderbran; Hill; Hochberg; Hodge; Homer; Hope; Hopson; Hughes; Hunter; Hupp; Jackson; Jones, D.; Jones, J.; Keffer, B.; Keffer, J.; King, P.; King, T.; Kolkhorst; Krusee; Kuempel; Laney; Laubenberg; Leibowitz; Luna; Madden; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McCall; McClendon; McReynolds; Menendez; Merritt; Miller; Moreno, P.; Morrison; Mowery; Naishtat; Noriega, M.; Oliveira; Olivo; Orr; Otto; Paxton; Peña; Phillips; Pitts; Puente; Quintanilla; Raymond; Riddle; Ritter; Rodriguez; Rose; Seaman; Smith, T.; Smith, W.; Smithee; Solis; Solomons; Strama; Straus; Swinford; Taylor; Thompson; Truitt; Turner; Van Arsdale; Villarreal; Vo; West; Woolley; Zedler.

Absent, Excused — Denny; Eiland; Eissler; Isett; Nixon; Pickett; Reyna; Talton; Uresti.

Absent — Brown, B.; Brown, F.; Castro; Corte; Delisi; Goodman; Howard; Keel; Veasey; Wong.

The invocation was offered by Representative Jackson.

The speaker recognized Representative Jackson who led the house in the pledges of allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED

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

Eissler on motion of West.

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

Nixon on motion of Hill.

The following member was granted leave of absence for today and the remainder of the week because of active military duty:

Isett on motion of D. Jones.

The following member was granted leave of absence for today because of illness:

Uresti on motion of Geren.

The following member was granted leave of absence for today because of family business:

Eiland on motion of Geren.

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

Talton on motion of Hunter.

The following members were granted leaves of absence for today because of important business:

Denny on motion of Hill.

Pickett on motion of T. King.

Reyna on motion of Geren.

Wong on motion of Madden.

The following members were granted leaves of absence for the remainder of today because of important business:

Kuempel on motion of Laney.

Peña on motion of Martinez.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER

Notice was given at this time that the speaker had signed bills and resolutions in the presence of the house (see the addendum to the daily journal, Signed by the Speaker, House List No. 3).

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Representative Edwards moved to suspend all necessary rules in order to take up and consider at this time **HCR 19, HR 232 - HR 234, HR 237, and HR 239.**

The motion prevailed.

The following resolutions were laid before the house:

HCR 19 (by Giddings), Commemorating the 85th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, granting women the right to vote.

HR 232 (by Quintanilla), Honoring the Socorro Mission on the occasion of its rededication ceremony on September 24, 2005.

HR 233 (by Martinez), Congratulating Sam Sparks of Santa Rosa on his selection as the 2005 Distinguished Citizen by the Rio Grande Council, Boy Scouts of America.

HR 234 (by Gonzales), Honoring Dr. Cayetano E. Barrera III on being named the Texas Family Physician of the Year.

HR 237 (by J. Jones), Recognizing Dr. Trudie Kibbe Reed as guest speaker at the Mary McLeod Bethune Recognition Program on September 24, 2005.

HR 239 (by Merritt), Commemorating the 65th anniversary of Horaney's Feed Store in Longview.

The resolutions were adopted.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Representative Edwards moved to suspend all necessary rules in order to take up and consider at this time **HR 235**, **HR 238**, and **HR 240**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolutions were laid before the house:

HR 235 (by Gonzales), In memory of Gary Thomas West of Dallas.

HR 238 (by Luna, Herrero, and Seaman), In memory of Maria del Rosario Carrizo of Corpus Christi.

HR 240 (by Escobar), In memory of David Valdez Reyna of Raymondville.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

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

B. Brown on motion of Harper-Brown.

(Keel now present)

HR 236 - ADOPTED (by Madden)

Representative Madden moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 236**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 236, Honoring Melissa Noriega for her outstanding service as the temporary acting representative for House District 145 in the 79th Texas Legislature.

HR 236 was read and was adopted.

On motion of Representative Crownover, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 236** as signers thereof.

**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.)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

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

Thompson on motion of Hochberg.

**HR 242 - ADOPTED
(by Gallego)**

Representative Gallego moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 242**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 242, Recognizing Martin Lujan for his hard work and dedication as chief of staff of the Office of State Representative Pete Gallego.

HR 242 was adopted.

On motion of Representative Gallego, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 242** as signers thereof.

**HR 241 - ADOPTED
(by Keel)**

Representative Keel moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 241**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 241, In memory of Major William Clifford Stensland of Austin.

HR 241 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

**HR 243 - ADOPTED
(by Olivo)**

Representative Olivo moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 243**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 243, Honoring Ruben Davis of Missouri City on his 50th birthday.

HR 243 was adopted.

On motion of Representative Hunter, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 243** as signers thereof.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Branch moved that the house adjourn until 10 a.m. tomorrow in memory of Robert H. Brown of Dallas.

The motion prevailed.

The house accordingly, at 10:47 a.m., adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

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 76 (By Hupp), Relating to the financing of public schools and reduction of school property taxes through the restricted establishment and operation of video lottery terminals at Texas racetracks licensed to conduct pari-mutuel wagering.

To Property Tax Relief, Select.

SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER

The following bills and resolutions were today signed in the presence of the house by the speaker:

House List No. 3

HCR 15

APPENDIX

SENT TO THE COMPTROLLER

August 16 - HB 11

