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PROCEEDINGS

TWENTY-SIXTH DAY — WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2009

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 40).

Present — Mr. Speaker; Allen; Alonzo; Alvarado; Anchia; Anderson; Aycock; Berman; Bohac; Bolton; Bonnen; Branch; Brown, B.; Brown, F.; Burnam; Button; Callegari; Castro; Chavez; Chisum; Cohen; Coleman; Cook; Corte; Crabb; Craddick; Creighton; Crownover; Darby; Davis, J.; Davis, Y.; Deshotel; Driver; Dukes; Dunnam; Dutton; Edwards; Eiland; Eissler; Elkins; England; Farabee; Farias; Farrar; Fletcher; Flores; Flynn; Frost; Gallego; Gattis; Geren; Giddings; Gonzales; Gonzalez Toureilles; Guillen; Gutierrez; Hamilton; Hancock; Hardcastle; Harless; Harper-Brown; Hartnett; Heflin; Hernandez; Herrero; Hilderbran; Hochberg; Hodge; Homer; Hopson; Howard, C.; Howard, D.; Hughes; Hunter; Isett; Jackson; Jones; Keffer; Kent; King, P.; King, S.; King, T.; Kleinschmidt; Kolkhorst; Kuempel; Laubenberg; Legler; Leibowitz; Lewis; Lucio; Madden; Maldonado; Mallory Caraway; Marquez; Martinez; McCall; McClendon; McReynolds; Menendez; Merritt; Miklos; Miller, D.; Miller, S.; Moody; Morrison; Naishtat; Oliveira; Olivo; Orr; Otto; Parker; Patrick; Paxton; Peña; Phillips; Pickett; Pierson; Pitts; Quintanilla; Raymond; Riddle; Rios Ybarra; Ritter; Rodriguez; Rose; Sheffield; Shelton; Smith, T.; Smith, W.; Smithee; Solomons; Strama; Swinford; Taylor; Thompson; Truitt; Turner, C.; Turner, S.; Vaught; Veasey; Villarreal; Vo; Walle; Weber; Woolley; Zerwas.

Absent, Excused — Christian.

Absent — Martinez Fischer; Ortiz; Thibaut.

The invocation was offered by Dr. Brent Taylor, senior pastor, First Baptist Church, Carrollton, as follows:

Gracious Heavenly Father, it is with humility and gratitude that we come before you today. We come asking for your divine blessings upon this great body and for your leadership to guide our leaders.

I thank you for the men and women who lead this great state. I pray you would open their minds and hearts to the work you would have them do. I pray for the governor and all the leaders of our state and pray that you would grant them wisdom to know what is right and courage to do what is right. As your word says, may they never tire of doing what is right.

I thank you for the great people of this state and pray that you would bless each person who calls Texas home. I humbly pray that you would bless the State of Texas.

I thank you for our nation and pray you would bless our president and our national leaders. We are grateful for the freedoms we share as a nation, and our ability to assemble here today is because of the men and women who have defended that freedom—many at the cost of their own lives. So we do not take a day or an opportunity like this one for granted knowing so many around the world watch in envy at the freedoms we share. But to the author of liberty, we say thank you.

In these days of economic and personal turmoil, we are reminded that you own the cattle on a thousand hills and that nothing is too difficult for you. We know that you waste nothing, so we pray that these days of national crisis would be used to mold us to be more like you and cause us to trust you more. Now, Father, I pray that you would bless this day, and may all that is said and done bring glory and honor to the name that is above every name. These things I pray in the name of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

CAPITOL PHYSICIAN

The speaker recognized Representative D. Howard who presented Dr. Larry Kravitz of Austin as the "Doctor for the Day."

The house welcomed Dr. Kravitz and thanked him for his participation in the Physician of the Day Program sponsored by the Texas Academy of Family Physicians.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

The following member was granted leave of absence for today and tomorrow because of important business:

Christian on motion of Hardcastle.

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. 8).

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.

HCR 12 - ADOPTED (by Kuempel, Geren, and Orr)

Representative Kuempel moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HCR 12**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HCR 12, In memory of Texas game warden Teyran "Ty" Patterson of Seguin.

HCR 12 was read and was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

On motion of Representative Geren, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HCR 12** as signers thereof.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The speaker recognized Representative Kuempel who introduced family members and friends of Teyran "Ty" Patterson.

(Ortiz and Thibaut now present)

(Kleinschmidt in the chair)

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 704 - ADOPTED (by Jackson)

Representative Jackson moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 704**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 704, Honoring First Baptist Church of Carrollton on its 100th anniversary.

HR 704 was read and was adopted.

On motion of Representative Crabb, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 704** as signers thereof.

HR 677 - ADOPTED (by S. King, et al.)

Representative S. King moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 677**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 677, Recognizing March 4, 2009, as Parent Association for the Retarded of Texas Day at the State Capitol.

HR 677 was read and was adopted.

On motion of Representative Crownover, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 677** as signers thereof.

HCR 58 - ADOPTED
(by Driver)

Representative Driver moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HCR 58**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HCR 58, Congratulating Colonel Thomas A. Davis, Jr., on his retirement from the Texas Department of Public Safety.

HCR 58 was read and was adopted.

On motion of Representatives Gallego and Merritt, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HCR 58** as signers thereof.

HCR 59 - ADOPTED
(by Driver)

Representative Driver moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HCR 59**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HCR 59, Congratulating Lieutenant Colonel David McEathron on his retirement from the Texas Department of Public Safety.

HCR 59 was read and was adopted.

On motion of Representatives Gallego and Merritt, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HCR 59** as signers thereof.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The chair recognized Representative Merritt who introduced Thomas A. Davis, Jr., David McEathron, and members of their families and friends.

(Kent in the chair)

HR 698 - ADOPTED
(by Phillips)

Representative Phillips moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 698**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 698, Recognizing March 4, 2009, as Fannin County Day at the State Capitol.

HR 698 was read and was adopted.

HR 685 - ADOPTED
(by Dukes, Pitts, Homer, McCall, and Cook)

Representative Dukes moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 685**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 685, Recognizing March 4, 2009, as Texas Moving Image Industry Day at the State Capitol.

HR 685 was read and was adopted.

On motion of Representatives Gallego, Parker, D. Howard, Homer, and Crownover, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 685** as signers thereof.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The chair recognized Representative Dukes who introduced members of the Texas Motion Picture Alliance.

HR 639 - ADOPTED
(by D. Miller)

Representative D. Miller moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 639**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 639, Honoring Leadership Gillespie County for its promotion of civic leadership and volunteerism.

HR 639 was read and was adopted.

(C. Turner in the chair)

HR 686 - ADOPTED
(by Miklos)

Representative Miklos moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 686**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 686, Recognizing March 4, 2009, as Balch Springs State Government Day at the State Capitol.

HR 686 was read and was adopted.

(Martinez Fischer now present)

HR 700 - ADOPTED
(by Vo and Button)

Representative Vo moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 700**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 700, Honoring Consul General Joseph Chen, of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Houston, for his contributions to strengthening Texas-Taiwan relations.

HR 700 was read and was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST

The chair recognized Representative Vo who introduced Consul General Joseph Chen.

HR 660 - ADOPTED
(by Rose)

Representative Rose moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 660**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 660, Honoring the Blanco High School speech and debate teams for their victories at two UIL tournaments in January 2009.

HR 660 was adopted.

HR 695 - ADOPTED
(by Hilderbran)

Representative Hilderbran moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 695**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 695, Congratulating Edith Schulze Stromberg on her 100th birthday.

HR 695 was read and was adopted.

HR 702 - ADOPTED
(by Zerwas)

Representative Zerwas moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 702**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 702, Congratulating Ralph and Carolyn Zerwas of Katy on their 60th wedding anniversary.

HR 702 was read and was adopted.

On motion of Representative Crabb, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 702** as signers thereof.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

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

Kolkhorst on motion of Geren.

(Speaker in the chair)

PROVIDING FOR A CONGRATULATORY AND MEMORIAL CALENDAR

Representative McClendon moved to suspend all necessary rules to set a congratulatory and memorial calendar for 10 a.m. tomorrow.

The motion prevailed.

HR 708 - ADOPTED (by Coleman, et al.)

Representative Coleman moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 708**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 708, Relating to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

HR 708 was withdrawn.

SCR 36 - ADOPTED (P. King - House Sponsor)

Representative P. King moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **SCR 36**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

SCR 36, Granting the legislature permission to adjourn for more than three days during the period beginning on Wednesday, March 4, 2009, and ending on Monday, March 9, 2009.

SCR 36 was adopted by (Record 41): 146 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Allen; Alonzo; Alvarado; Anchia; Anderson; Aycock; Berman; Bohac; Bolton; Bonnen; Branch; Brown, B.; Brown, F.; Burnam; Button; Callegari; Castro; Chavez; Chisum; Cohen; Coleman; Cook; Corte; Crabb; Craddick; Creighton; Crownover; Darby; Davis, J.; Davis, Y.; Deshotel; Driver;

Dukes; Dunnam; Dutton; Edwards; Eiland; Eissler; Elkins; England; Farabee; Farias; Farrar; Fletcher; Flores; Flynn; Frost; Gallego; Gattis; Giddings; Gonzales; Gonzalez Toureilles; Guillen; Gutierrez; Hamilton; Hancock; Hardcastle; Harless; Harper-Brown; Hartnett; Heflin; Hernandez; Herrero; Hilderbran; Hochberg; Hodge; Homer; Hopson; Howard, C.; Howard, D.; Hughes; Hunter; Isett; Jackson; Jones; Keffer; Kent; King, P.; King, S.; King, T.; Kleinschmidt; Kuempel; Laubenberg; Legler; Leibowitz; Lewis; Lucio; Madden; Maldonado; Mallory Caraway; Marquez; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McCall; McClendon; McReynolds; Menendez; Merritt; Miklos; Miller, D.; Miller, S.; Moody; Morrison; Naishtat; Oliveira; Olivo; Orr; Ortiz; Otto; Parker; Patrick; Paxton; Peña; Phillips; Pickett; Pierson; Pitts; Quintanilla; Raymond; Riddle; Rios Ybarra; Ritter; Rodriguez; Rose; Sheffield; Shelton; Smith, T.; Smith, W.; Smithee; Solomons; Strama; Swinford; Taylor; Thibaut; Thompson; Truitt; Turner, C.; Turner, S.; Vaught; Veasey; Villarreal; Vo; Walle; Weber; Woolley; Zerwas.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent, Excused — Christian; Kolkhorst.

Absent — Geren.

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. 2).

COMMITTEES GRANTED PERMISSION TO MEET

Representative Oliveira requested permission for the Committee on Ways and Means to meet while the house is in session, during bill referral today, in E2.010, to consider invited testimony.

Permission to meet was granted.

Representative Truitt requested permission for the Committee on Pensions, Investments, and Financial Services to meet while the house is in session, during bill referral today, in E2.030, to continue the organizational hearing.

Permission to meet was granted.

COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The following committee meeting was announced:

Appropriations, Subcommittee on Business and Economic Development, one hour after adjournment today, as posted.

FIVE-DAY POSTING RULE SUSPENDED

Representative Crownover moved to suspend the five-day posting rule and all necessary rules to allow the Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Stimulus, to consider invited testimony tomorrow in E2.030.

The motion prevailed.

COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following committee meetings were announced:

Appropriations, Subcommittee on Stimulus, 8:30 a.m. tomorrow, E2.030, for a public hearing, to consider invited testimony on the federal stimulus package.

Appropriations, Subcommittee on Hurricane, 8:30 a.m. Friday, March 6, E1.026, for a formal meeting.

PROVIDING FOR ADJOURNMENT

Representative Kuempel 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 in memory of Game Warden Teyran "Ty" Patterson of Seguin, who was killed in the line of duty.

The motion prevailed.

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.)

(Kent in the chair)

ADJOURNMENT

In accordance with a previous motion, the house, at 12:45 p.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 8 (By Otto), Relating to certain studies and reviews of appraisal districts conducted by the comptroller of public accounts.

To Ways and Means.

HB 1782 (By Zerwas), Relating to the creation of the Wharton County Drainage District.

To Natural Resources.

HB 1783 (By Solomons), Relating to the Internet broadcasting of Public Utility Commission of Texas and ERCOT public hearings and meetings.
To State Affairs.

HB 1784 (By Flynn), Relating to the rates charged by a water and sewer utility.
To Natural Resources.

HB 1785 (By Kuempel), Relating to the licensing of occupational therapists.
To Public Health.

HB 1786 (By Kuempel), Relating to notice of proposed increases in fees charged by the Parks and Wildlife Department for certain permits.
To Culture, Recreation, and Tourism.

HB 1787 (By Solomons), Relating to the designation or appointment of registered agents for service of process, notice, or demand for certain entities; the duties of a registered agent; providing penalties.
To Business and Industry.

HB 1788 (By P. King), Relating to the minimum franchise tax amount for which no tax payment is due.
To Ways and Means.

HB 1789 (By Maldonado), Relating to the use of municipal hotel occupancy tax revenue to enhance and upgrade sports facilities in certain municipalities.
To Ways and Means.

HB 1790 (By Bolton), Relating to the establishment and operation of a motor-bus-only lane pilot program in certain counties.
To Transportation.

HB 1791 (By Jones), Relating to the use of a perpetual trust fund for a cemetery by certain municipalities.
To Urban Affairs.

HB 1792 (By Farrar), Relating to providing public school students subject to in-school or out-of-school suspension with relevant class assignments.
To Public Education.

HB 1793 (By Farrar), Relating to judicial instruction for judges who hear complaints against children alleging violations of certain misdemeanor offenses.
To Corrections.

HB 1794 (By Walle), Relating to the regulation of automobile wrecking and salvage yards in certain counties.
To Transportation.

HB 1795 (By Pierson), Relating to newborn screening and the creation of the Newborn Screening Advisory Committee.
To Public Health.

HB 1796 (By Chisum), Relating to the offshore geologic storage of carbon dioxide.
To Environmental Regulation.

HB 1797 (By Bohac), Relating to notice of a price change in retail electric service contracts.

To State Affairs.

HB 1798 (By Bohac), Relating to information that must be included on certain electric bills.

To State Affairs.

HB 1799 (By Bohac), Relating to information that must be included on certain electric bills.

To State Affairs.

HB 1800 (By Bohac), Relating to an agreement regarding the respective responsibilities of a parent, student, and classroom teacher in certain school districts.

To Public Education.

HB 1801 (By Bohac), Relating to exemptions from the sales tax for a limited period for certain backpacks and school supplies specified by the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement.

To Ways and Means.

HB 1802 (By Bohac), Relating to issuing medallions for mobile food units in certain municipalities.

To Public Health.

HB 1803 (By Bohac), Relating to exempting textbooks for university and college courses from the sales tax.

To Ways and Means.

HB 1804 (By Hughes), Relating to service of process for delinquent taxes on a nonresident.

To Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

HB 1805 (By Kuempel), Relating to the use of laser sighting devices by hunters who have certain documented disabilities.

To Culture, Recreation, and Tourism.

HB 1806 (By Bolton), Relating to notice to residential tenants regarding renter's insurance.

To Business and Industry.

HB 1807 (By Giddings), Relating to registration and regulation of crane operators, signalpersons, and riggers; providing penalties.

To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

HB 1808 (By S. Turner), Relating to limitations on the total amount of tuition charged to a student by a public institution of higher education.

To Higher Education.

HB 1809 (By Hartnett), Relating to proceedings in a statutory probate court during the judge's absence.

To Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

HB 1810 (By Pickett), Relating to the purposes and designation of a transportation reinvestment zone.

To Transportation.

HB 1811 (By Eiland), Relating to the standard of causation in claims involving mesothelioma caused by exposure to asbestos fibers.

To Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

HB 1812 (By Y. Davis), Relating to an interim study concerning certain drug- and alcohol-related matters.

To Public Health.

HB 1813 (By Vo), Relating to the punishment for tampering with certain governmental records concerning forensic analyses.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 1814 (By Vo), Relating to the ballot language for junior college district annexation elections.

To Higher Education.

HB 1815 (By Isett), Relating to the creation of a state agency to facilitate public-private partnerships to plan and take action regarding governmental projects.

To State Affairs.

HB 1816 (By Rose), Relating to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the portion of the appraised value of a person's property attributable to the implementation on the property of water conservation initiatives, desalination projects, or brush control initiatives.

To Ways and Means.

HB 1817 (By Rose), Relating to the authority of a county or library district to receive local sales tax information.

To Ways and Means.

HB 1818 (By Rose), Relating to rainwater harvesting and other water conservation initiatives.

To Ways and Means.

HB 1819 (By Bohac), Relating to minimum habitability standards for multi-family rental buildings in certain municipalities; providing a penalty.

To Business and Industry.

HB 1820 (By J. Davis), Relating to provision of workers' compensation medical benefits to a police officer or firefighter injured in the line of duty; providing an administrative violation.

To Business and Industry.

HB 1821 (By J. Davis), Relating to requiring a voter to be affiliated with a political party to vote in that party's primary election or otherwise participate in that party's affairs.

To Elections.

HB 1822 (By Solomons), Relating to the use of certain terms by certificated telecommunications utilities, retail electric providers, and electric utilities in retail bills.

To State Affairs.

HB 1823 (By Ortiz), Relating to an exemption from sales and use taxation of certain energy conservation-related property.

To Energy Resources.

HB 1824 (By Paxton), Relating to foreclosure of a property owners' association's assessment lien.

To Business and Industry.

HB 1825 (By Paxton), Relating to the computation of the franchise tax.

To Ways and Means.

HB 1826 (By T. Smith), Relating to the release of motor vehicle accident report information.

To Transportation.

HB 1827 (By Elkins), Relating to eligibility to file a sworn complaint with the Texas Ethics Commission.

To Elections.

HB 1828 (By D. Howard), Relating to information submitted to, maintained in, and released from the immunization registry.

To Public Health.

HB 1829 (By Corte), Relating to participation by private school students in University Interscholastic League sponsored activities.

To Public Education.

HB 1830 (By Corte), Relating to information technology security practices of state agencies.

To Defense and Veterans' Affairs.

HB 1831 (By Corte), Relating to emergency management.

To Defense and Veterans' Affairs.

HB 1832 (By Corte), Relating to the issuance of French Legion of Honor specialty license plates.

To Transportation.

HB 1833 (By Hughes), Relating to the electronic storage of records by the clerks of the supreme court and the courts of appeals.

To Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

HB 1834 (By Harper-Brown), Relating to specialty license plates supporting the Safe Routes to School Program.

To Transportation.

HB 1835 (By Y. Davis), Relating to the provision of commercial mobile service to customers.

To Business and Industry.

HB 1836 (By Y. Davis), Relating to the prices a retail electric provider charges certain residential customers.

To State Affairs.

HB 1837 (By Y. Davis), Relating to regulation of electric services.

To State Affairs.

HB 1838 (By Maldonado), Relating to eligibility for and the establishment of service credit in the Employees Retirement System of Texas for military service.

To Pensions, Investments, and Financial Services.

HB 1839 (By D. Howard), Relating to a requirement that a school district develop and adopt a site selection policy before selecting a site for construction of a new school; providing a penalty.

To Public Education.

HB 1840 (By Kleinschmidt), Relating to the establishment of an interagency farm-to-school coordination task force.

To Agriculture and Livestock.

HB 1841 (By Kleinschmidt), Relating to the creation of the XS Ranch Municipal Utility District; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds; granting a limited power of eminent domain.

To Natural Resources.

HB 1842 (By Frost), Relating to the authority of certain school districts to enter into property tax abatement agreements in connection with realigned or closed military facilities.

To Ways and Means.

HB 1843 (By J. Davis), Relating to the disposition of cash in possession of a deceased pauper.

To County Affairs.

HB 1844 (By J. Davis), Relating to the procedure for reallocating local sales and use taxes.

To Ways and Means.

HB 1845 (By Lucio), Relating to disclosure of calorie content of and nutrition information regarding food served by a chain restaurant; providing an administrative penalty.

To Public Health.

HB 1846 (By Lucio), Relating to a person who is entitled to claim a lien on certain assets.

To Business and Industry.

HB 1847 (By Lucio), Relating to a requirement that certain health benefit plans cover certain mental disorders.

To Insurance.

HB 1848 (By Lucio), Relating to the establishment of a pilot program under which high school students may accrue prepaid tuition units at public institutions of higher education by completing certain community service activities.

To Higher Education.

HB 1849 (By Lucio), Relating to exempting books purchased by university and college students from the sales tax for a limited period.

To Ways and Means.

HB 1850 (By Lucio), Relating to changing the name of the South Texas Health Care System to the Rio Grande State Center.

To Public Health.

HB 1851 (By Solomons), Relating to rental agreements.

To Business and Industry.

HB 1852 (By Hartnett), Relating to the maintenance of certain interest-bearing accounts by escrow officers and the use of the interest on those accounts.

To Insurance.

HB 1853 (By Darby), Relating to the authorization of school district ad valorem tax incentives for historic redevelopment and economic development.

To Ways and Means.

HB 1854 (By J. Davis), Relating to the registration of roofing contractors; providing penalties.

To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

HB 1855 (By J. Davis), Relating to physical activity requirements for students in public schools.

To Public Education.

HB 1856 (By Eiland), Relating to requiring insurers to offer conversion of group policies.

To Insurance.

HB 1857 (By Eiland), Relating to the sale of charitable gift annuities.

To Insurance.

HB 1858 (By Eiland), Relating to suspension of the unemployment compensation waiting period requirement during a disaster subject to a federal disaster declaration.

To Technology, Economic Development, and Workforce.

HB 1859 (By Eiland), Relating to the maturity dates of certain annuities.

To Insurance.

HB 1860 (By Eiland), Relating to an additional filing fee for civil cases filed in certain courts.

To Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

HB 1861 (By Eiland), Relating to the rulemaking authority of the Supreme Court of Texas and the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals to extend the statute of limitations and certain other legal deadlines in a county in which a disaster has occurred.

To Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

HB 1862 (By Berman), Relating to the eligibility of certain voters to vote a limited ballot in a new county of residence.

To Elections.

HB 1863 (By Berman), Relating to exempting the intrastate manufacture of a firearm, a firearm accessory, or ammunition from federal regulation.

To Public Safety.

HB 1864 (By Hochberg), Relating to tuition exemptions at public institutions of higher education for students enrolled in certain interinstitutional academic programs.

To Higher Education.

HB 1865 (By Kolkhorst), Relating to the penalties for theft of cattle, horses, exotic livestock, exotic fowl, sheep, swine, or goats.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HJR 74 (By Rose), Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature by general law to exempt from ad valorem taxes the portion of the assessed value of property attributable to the implementation on the property of a water conservation initiative, desalination project, or brush control initiative.

To Ways and Means.

SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER

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

House List No. 8

HCR 28

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, March 4, 2009

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:

SCR 36 Whitmire SPONSOR: King, Phil
Granting the legislature permission to adjourn for more than three days during the period beginning on Wednesday, March 4, 2009, and ending on Monday, March 9, 2009.

Respectfully,
Patsy Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

Message No. 2

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE
SENATE CHAMBER
Austin, Texas
Wednesday, March 4, 2009 - 2

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:

HCR 12 Kuempel SPONSOR: Wentworth
In memory of Texas game warden Teyran "Ty" Patterson of Seguin.

HCR 58 Driver SPONSOR: Whitmire
Congratulating Colonel Thomas A. Davis, Jr., on his retirement from the Texas Department of Public Safety.

HCR 59 Driver SPONSOR: Whitmire
Congratulating Lieutenant Colonel David McEathron on his retirement from the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Respectfully,
Patsy Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

APPENDIX

SENT TO THE GOVERNOR

March 3 - HCR 55

