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PROCEEDINGS

TWENTY-THIRD DAY — TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2011

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 51).

Present — Mr. Speaker; Aliseda; Allen; Alonzo; Alvarado; Anchia; Anderson, C.; Anderson, R.; Aycock; Beck; Berman; Bohac; Bonnen; Branch; Brown; Burkett; Burnam; Button; Cain; Callegari; Carter; Castro; Chisum; Christian; Coleman; Cook; Craddick; Creighton; Crownover; Darby; Davis, J.; Davis, S.; Davis, Y.; Deshotel; Driver; Dukes; Dutton; Eiland; Eissler; Elkins; Farias; Farrar; Fletcher; Flynn; Frullo; Gallego; Garza; Geren; Giddings; Gonzales, L.; Gonzales, V.; Gonzalez; Gooden; Guillen; Gutierrez; Hamilton; Hancock; Hardcastle; Harless; Harper-Brown; Hartnett; Hernandez Luna; Hilderbran; Hochberg; Hopson; Howard, C.; Howard, D.; Huberty; Hughes; Hunter; Isaac; Jackson; Johnson; Keffer; King, P.; King, S.; King, T.; Kleinschmidt; Kolkhorst; Kuempel; Landtroop; Larson; Laubenberg; Lavender; Legler; Lewis; Lozano; Lucio; Lyne; Madden; Mallory Caraway; Margo; Marquez; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McClendon; Menendez; Miles; Miller, D.; Miller, S.; Morrison; Muñoz; Murphy; Naishtat; Nash; Orr; Otto; Parker; Patrick; Paxton; Peña; Perry; Phillips; Pickett; Pitts; Price; Quintanilla; Raymond; Reynolds; Riddle; Ritter; Rodriguez; Schwertner; Scott; Sheets; Sheffield; Shelton; Simpson; Smith, W.; Smithee; Solomons; Strama; Taylor, L.; Taylor, V.; Thompson; Torres; Truitt; Turner; Veasey; Villarreal; Vo; Walle; Weber; White; Woolley; Workman; Zedler; Zerwas.

Absent, Excused — Oliveira.

Absent — Smith, T.

The invocation was offered by Representative Hughes.

The speaker recognized Representative Beck 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 because of illness:

Oliveira on motion of Quintanilla.

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

Peña on motion of Deshotel.

(T. Smith now present)

(Perry in the chair)

HR 525 - ADOPTED
(by Gooden)

Representative Gooden moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 525**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 525, Recognizing February 22, 2011, as Athens Day at the State Capitol.

HR 525 was read and was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The chair recognized Representative Gooden who introduced a delegation from Athens.

HR 508 - ADOPTED
(by Cain)

Representative Cain moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 508**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 508, Congratulating Davis White of Paris on being selected to perform at Carnegie Hall as part of the 2011 American High School Honors Performance Series.

HR 508 was adopted.

CAPITOL PHYSICIAN

The chair recognized Representative Keffer who presented Dr. Robert Deluca of Eastland as the "Doctor for the Day."

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

HR 499 - ADOPTED
(by Hardcastle)

Representative Hardcastle moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 499**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 499, Recognizing February 22, 2011, as Texas FFA Day at the State Capitol.

HR 499 was read and was adopted.

On motion of Representative Landtroop, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 499** as signers thereof.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The chair recognized Representative Hardcastle who introduced representatives of the Texas FFA Association.

**HR 526 - ADOPTED
(by Lavender)**

Representative Lavender moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 526**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 526, Honoring FFA students from Simms and New Boston on their visit to the State Capitol.

HR 526 was read and was adopted.

**HR 418 - ADOPTED
(by Quintanilla, Keffer, Gallego, Chisum, and Marquez)**

Representative Quintanilla moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 418**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 418, Honoring the West Texas Area Health Education Center Program.

HR 418 was read and was adopted.

On motion of Representative Chisum, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 418** as signers thereof.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The chair recognized Representative Marquez who introduced representatives of the West Texas Area Health Education Center Program.

**ADDRESS BY REPRESENTATIVE WEBER
ON A MATTER OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

The chair recognized Representative Weber who addressed the house on a matter of personal privilege, speaking as follows:

We all are up here to do a job for our constituents and as members, we couldn't be here—nor could we be able to do our jobs—if it weren't for the members of our staff, the help of our staff. For all of those who are new to our ranks, you will soon learn by the end of session that our staff truly becomes

family, as we all do, actually. They stand with us in the trenches, they work beside us, they laugh with us, they cry with us, they help us conquer the challenges we face, and they are truly our partners. From our chiefs of staff to our interns, all play an integral role.

This weekend, we lost one of our own. For those of you who don't know, an intern for a senator—my colleague on the senate side, Mike Jackson, our colleague—Jessica Fertitta was found in the early hours of Sunday morning in Beaumont after the vehicle she was driving caught fire and exploded about one block from her home. She was a second-year law student at The University of Texas and an intern for Senator Jackson. Jessica was only 25 years old. She had returned home that weekend to attend a wedding of a classmate. She was highly accomplished, she was on the path of achievement. She had served as deputy finance director for our great Attorney General Greg Abbott and had worked as a briefings intern at the U.S. Department of Labor. She also was a leader in the University Panhellenic Council on behalf of Pi Beta Phi at The University of Texas and served as a mentor for others.

In the words of Dr. Mary Gagne, director of the Texas Academy of Leadership in the Humanities, she says, and I quote her, "Not only was Jessica a brilliant young lady, she had a deep spirituality. Her faith was evident in everything she did. She devoted many hours to helping others. She was inspirational. She gave words of encouragement to all. You had only to meet her to see that she exuded confidence, intelligence, and beauty. She had an excellent, excellent knowledge and love of people and was loved by all." Great words about the young lady.

There's probably nothing I can say to describe the loss to her friends and family, nothing at all, or to Senator Jackson, for that matter. Her impact was felt everywhere and her loss will ripple throughout this Capitol and way beyond. Perhaps Jessica's mother said it best when she said, "She was a leader. She worked hard for everything and she was a woman of faith. This is a huge gain for heaven." Please join me in a moment of silence on behalf of one of our very own, Jessica Fertitta.

REMARKS ORDERED PRINTED

Representative Weber moved to print his remarks.

The motion prevailed.

HR 484 - ADOPTED (by Solomons, Parker, and Crownover)

Representative Solomons moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 484**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 484, Honoring Leadership Lewisville on the occasion of the group's visit to the State Capitol on February 22, 2011.

HR 484 was read and was adopted.

HR 368 - ADOPTED
(by Chisum)

Representative Chisum moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 368**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 368, Recognizing February 22, 2011, as Rolling Plains Day at the State Capitol.

HR 368 was read and was adopted.

On motion of Representative Hardcastle, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 368** as signers thereof.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The chair recognized Representative Chisum who introduced a delegation from the Rolling Plains.

HR 228 - ADOPTED
(by Crownover, Parker, and Solomons)

Representative Crownover moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 228**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 228, Recognizing February 22, 2011, as Denton County Day at the State Capitol.

HR 228 was read and was adopted.

On motion of Representative Parker, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 228** as signers thereof.

HR 429 - ADOPTED
(by Kolkhorst)

Representative Kolkhorst moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 429**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 429, Recognizing February 22, 2011, as Washington County Day at the State Capitol.

HR 429 was read and was adopted.

(S. Davis in the chair)

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The chair recognized Representative Kolkhorst who introduced a delegation from Washington County.

HR 479 - ADOPTED**(by Lewis)**

Representative Lewis moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 479**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 479, Welcoming members of the Odessa Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to the State Capitol.

HR 479 was read and was adopted.

On motion of Representative Y. Davis, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 479** as signers thereof.

HR 510 - ADOPTED**(by Branch)**

Representative Anchia moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 510**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 510, Recognizing February 22, 2011, as Commercial Real Estate Development Day at the State Capitol.

HR 510 was adopted.

HR 504 - ADOPTED**(by Price, Smithee, Chisum, and Landtroop)**

Representative Price moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 504**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 504, Recognizing February 22, 2011, as Panhandle Day at the State Capitol.

HR 504 was read and was adopted.

On motion of Representative Chisum, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 504** as signers thereof.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The chair recognized Representative Price who introduced a delegation from the Texas Panhandle.

HR 534 - ADOPTED
(by Reynolds)

Representative Reynolds moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 534**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 534, Recognizing February 22, 2011, as Leadership Fort Bend Day at the State Capitol.

HR 534 was adopted.

HR 548 - ADOPTED
(by Carter)

Representative Carter moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 548**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 548, Honoring Brinker International on the occasion of Texas Restaurant Association Day at the State Capitol.

HR 548 was adopted.

HR 462 - PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED
(by Y. Davis)

The chair laid out and had read the following previously adopted resolution:

HR 462, Welcoming Nigerian writer Chike Momah to the State Capitol and recognizing him for his literary achievements.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The chair recognized Representative Y. Davis who introduced Chike Momah, his wife Ethel, and representatives of the Texas chapter of GCUOBA-USA.

HR 414 - ADOPTED
(by Dukes)

Representative Dukes moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 414**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 414, Paying tribute to Barbara Jordan in honor of the 75th anniversary of her birth.

HR 414 was read and was adopted.

On motion of Representative Turner, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 414** as signers thereof.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The chair recognized Representative Dukes who introduced representatives of the Barbara Jordan Freedom Foundation.

HR 515 - ADOPTED (by Lucio and Hunter)

Representative Lucio moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 515**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 515, Recognizing February 22, 2011, as Justices of the Peace and Constables Day at the State Capitol.

HR 515 was read and was adopted.

On motion of Representative Muñoz, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 515** as signers thereof.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The chair recognized Representative Lucio who introduced members of the Justices of the Peace and Constables Association of Texas.

HR 494 - ADOPTED (by Garza)

Representative Garza moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 494**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 494, Honoring Blas Maria Herrera for his outstanding contributions to Texas and recognizing his descendants for their generosity in providing the Herrera Gates to the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum.

HR 494 was read and was adopted.

On motion of Representative Aliseda, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 494** as signers thereof.

HR 424 - ADOPTED (by Burkett, Sheets, Anchia, Hartnett, et al.)

Representative Burkett moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 424**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 424, Honoring Bruce R. Sherbet for his outstanding service as the elections administrator for Dallas County.

HR 424 was read and was adopted.

On motion of Representative Jackson, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 424** as signers thereof.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST

The chair recognized Representative Burkett who introduced Bruce R. Sherbet.

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, Senate List No. 6).

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

REPRESENTATIVE MCCLENDON: Madam Speaker and members, on the dais behind me you're going to see several young men who have opportunities to stand on the dais of the Texas House of Representatives. These men are exonerees and they are here lobbying for prison justice reform legislation. These gentlemen have spent a total of 200 years in prison for crimes they did not commit. Joining them on the podium is Ms. Ruby Cole Session, whose son, Timothy Cole, died in prison—was there for 13 years for a crime that he did not commit. We have Johnnie Lindsey, who served 26 years. We have Billy Smith, who served 19 years. We have Charles Chatman, who served 27 years for a crime he did not commit. We have James Giles, who served 10 years. Thomas M. McGowan, who served 23 years. We have Christopher Scott, who served 13 years. We have Cornelius Dupree, who served 30 years, the longest serving exoneree. And we have Anthony Graves, who served 18 years, and he was on death row. Members, please help me honor these men who served a total of 200 years in prison for crimes that they did not commit.

REPRESENTATIVE TURNER: Ms. Speaker and members, these individuals that are standing before you are to be applauded. Not just for the fact that they are no longer in prison, but for their spirit that they have after serving the many years in prison. I think if you get a chance to talk to them, they do not hold any anger, and if we were in their position probably would. But their spirit and their desire to move forward with their lives is to be admired. And so, let me applaud Representative McClendon for bringing them here for the resolution, and certainly applaud them just for their perseverance and their tenacity and their will to keep moving forward.

REPRESENTATIVE GALLEGO: I want to tell you that in my opportunity as chairman of the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, the committee has heard some incredibly moving stories from a lot of people. But there are few stories that have moved me, and moved the members of the committee, and moved the general public, as much as the stories of the men behind me. For those who were able to testify last session, their testimony was really absolutely riveting in terms of how the system failed them. And if you want the opportunity to hear them, they will be in the Criminal Jurisprudence Committee this afternoon, many of them testifying on some bills that hopefully will change the process somewhat. But I would tell you that, that investment of your time in talking to them, even for a few minutes about their experience, about what they went through, because if you think about it and you put it in your own life terms—what it would mean to you to be away from your kids, to be away from your family, your mother, your father, your brothers, and your sisters. To see your career or your life change dramatically with nothing that you can do about it. That feeling of frustration is what they have felt. And yet, as Mr. Turner has noted, there's no rancor, there's no bitterness. There's only really a desire to fully live life and to be grateful for the life they have. Spend some time with them this afternoon in Criminal Jurisprudence if you have the opportunity. And Mr. Speaker, Madam Speaker, I will join with Ms. McClendon and Mr. Turner in welcoming these folks to the Texas House of Representatives. It's very much their house and we are very happy to have them here.

REPRESENTATIVE DUKES: I would like to extend an apology to these young men and I'm sure that many join me in extending apology to these young men in the failure of our criminal justice system.

REMARKS ORDERED PRINTED

Representative Dukes moved to print remarks by Representatives McClendon, Turner, Gallego, and Dukes.

The motion prevailed.

MCCLENDON: I just wanted to thank the lawyers that worked with these exonerees in order to get them free. We owe them all kinds of gratitude and thanks for their work because that work, much was unpaid. Thank you.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Representative Gallego moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 488** and **HR 493**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolutions were laid before the house:

HR 488 (by Gallego), Honoring Gary Dunshee, founder of the Trappings of Texas Custom Cowboy Gear and Western Art Exhibit and Sale, on the occasion of the event's 25th anniversary.

HR 493 (by Gallego), Congratulating Dr. Barbara "Barney" Nelson on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Texas Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Alpine.

The resolutions were adopted.

On motion of Representative Gallego, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 488** and **HR 493** as signers thereof.

HR 553 - ADOPTED
(by V. Taylor)

Representative V. Taylor moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 553**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 553, Congratulating Bruce D. Glasscock on his appointment as Plano city manager.

HR 553 was adopted.

On motion of Representative Laubenberg, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 553** as signers thereof.

COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The following committee meeting was announced:

Criminal Jurisprudence meeting scheduled for upon adjournment is rescheduled for 1 p.m. today.

PROVIDING FOR ADJOURNMENT

Representatives Lucio and Hardcastle 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 Jaime Jorge Zapata of Brownsville, Leland Snow of Wichita Falls, and Jessica Fertitta of Beaumont.

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.)

(Thompson in the chair)

ADJOURNMENT

In accordance with a previous motion, the house, at 12:06 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 9 (By Branch), Relating to student success-based funding for public institutions of higher education.

To Higher Education.

HB 10 (By Branch), Relating to eligibility for a TEXAS grant and to administration of the TEXAS grant program.

To Higher Education.

HB 12 (By Solomons), Relating to the enforcement of state and federal laws governing immigration by certain governmental entities.

To State Affairs.

HB 127 (By Alvarado), Relating to the types of beverages that may be sold to students on public school campuses.

To Public Health.

HB 251 (By Hilderbran), Relating to the regulation of dangerous wild animals.

To Culture, Recreation, and Tourism.

HB 252 (By Hilderbran), Relating to eligibility for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the residence homestead of a person.

To Ways and Means.

HB 300 (By Kolkhorst), Relating to the privacy of protected health information; providing civil penalties.

To Public Health.

HB 721 (By S. Miller), Relating to the practice of animal husbandry and the performance of certain dental procedures by non-veterinarians.

To Agriculture and Livestock.

HB 722 (By Harless), Relating to the regulation of massage therapists, massage establishments, massage schools, and sexually oriented businesses; providing penalties.

To Public Health.

HB 723 (By Harless), Relating to the Lone Star College System District service area.

To Higher Education.

HB 724 (By Schwertner), Relating to the abolition of the Alternative Fuels Research and Education Division program administered by the Railroad Commission of Texas.

To Energy Resources.

HB 725 (By Callegari), Relating to the operation, powers, and duties of certain water districts.

To Natural Resources.

HB 726 (By Sheffield), Relating to the electronic distribution of information to legislators by state agencies.

To State Affairs.

HB 727 (By Gutierrez), Relating to a voluntary statewide diabetes mellitus registry.

To Public Health.

HB 728 (By Dutton), Relating to the restoration of certain rights to a criminal defendant.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 729 (By Chisum), Relating to the authority of the board of directors of the Ochiltree County Hospital District to employ health care providers.

To County Affairs.

HB 730 (By Guillen), Relating to the suspension or removal of certain deputy sheriffs.

To County Affairs.

HB 731 (By Hopson), Relating to the state contribution to and certain annuities under the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

To Pensions, Investments, and Financial Services.

HB 732 (By Hopson), Relating to increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation by a school district from \$15,000 to \$30,000, providing for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed by a school district on the homestead of an elderly or disabled person to reflect the increased exemption amount, and protecting school districts against the resulting loss in local revenue.

To Ways and Means.

HB 733 (By Patrick), Relating to the number of charters the State Board of Education may grant for open-enrollment charter schools.

To Public Education.

HB 734 (By Patrick), Relating to the jurisdiction of constitutional county courts over truancy cases and the appointment of magistrates to hear truancy cases in certain counties.

To Public Education.

HB 735 (By Patrick), Relating to the events eligible to receive funding through a major events trust fund.

To Economic and Small Business Development.

HB 736 (By Patrick), Relating to online institution resumes for public institutions of higher education.

To Higher Education.

HB 737 (By Otto), Relating to the East Montgomery County Improvement District; imposing a tax.

To Natural Resources.

HB 738 (By Otto), Relating to the authority of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas to invest in hedge funds.

To Pensions, Investments, and Financial Services.

HB 739 (By Fletcher), Relating to the elimination of the statute of limitations for certain felony offenses.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 740 (By Orr), Relating to liability for ad valorem taxes on property that is the subject of a consignment.

To Ways and Means.

HB 741 (By Vo), Relating to criteria for financing certain multifamily housing developments.

To Urban Affairs.

HB 742 (By Hunter), Relating to student information required to be provided at the time of enrollment in public schools.

To Public Education.

HB 743 (By Sheffield), Relating to requiring public institutions of higher education to notify the federal Student Exchange and Visitor Information System (SEVIS) regarding the withdrawal or nonattendance of certain foreign students.

To Higher Education.

HB 744 (By Raymond), Relating to exemptions from the sales tax for certain business entities during a limited period.

To Ways and Means.

HB 745 (By Johnson), Relating to requirements for providing documents and written information to certain owners of property subject to the exercise of eminent domain authority.

To Land and Resource Management.

HB 746 (By Johnson), Relating to the assessment of damages to a property owner from condemnation.

To Land and Resource Management.

HB 747 (By Johnson), Relating to the disclosure of certain information by a governmental entity with eminent domain authority in connection with an offer to purchase real property.

To Land and Resource Management.

HB 748 (By Menendez), Relating to a criminal defendant's incompetency to stand trial, to certain related time credits, and to the maximum period allowed for restoration of the defendant to competency.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 749 (By Menendez), Relating to county law enforcement officer civil service systems; providing penalties.

To County Affairs.

HB 750 (By Driver), Relating to the carrying of concealed handguns on certain premises of or locations associated with schools or institutions of higher education.

To Homeland Security and Public Safety.

HB 751 (By Lewis), Relating to the attendance by a quorum of a legislative standing committee at a caucus meeting.

To State Affairs.

HB 752 (By Lewis), Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for a medical education building for the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

To Higher Education.

HB 753 (By Raymond), Relating to the recruitment and retention of certain caseworkers employed by the Department of Family and Protective Services.

To Human Services.

HB 754 (By Flynn), Relating to the regulation of credit reporting bureaus; providing penalties.

To Pensions, Investments, and Financial Services.

HB 755 (By Cook), Relating to eligibility of certain dependents for coverage under the state employee group benefits program.

To Pensions, Investments, and Financial Services.

HB 756 (By Paxton), Relating to the maximum rate of growth of appropriations.

To Appropriations.

HB 757 (By Eiland), Relating to the sale and consumption in this state of raw oysters harvested from Texas waters.

To Culture, Recreation, and Tourism.

HB 758 (By Eiland), Relating to certain limitations in health benefit plans and health insurance policies.

To Insurance.

HB 759 (By Eiland), Relating to the reporting by an owner of a facility used to store certain hydrocarbons to the chief appraiser of an appraisal district of information related to property stored in the facility.

To Ways and Means.

HB 760 (By Eiland), Relating to an exemption from regulation as health spas for certain governmental hospitals and clinics.

To Public Health.

HB 761 (By Lozano), Relating to the availability of free prekindergarten programs in public schools.

To Public Education.

HB 764 (By Lozano), Relating to the authority of general-law municipalities to restrict sex offenders from child safety zones in the municipality.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 765 (By Lozano), Relating to restrictions on the prices of certain consumer goods and services during an abnormal disruption of the market.

To Business and Industry.

HB 766 (By Lozano), Relating to exempting textbooks for university and college courses from the sales tax.

To Higher Education.

HB 767 (By Lozano), Relating to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the residence homesteads of certain totally disabled veterans.

To Ways and Means.

HB 769 (By Lozano), Relating to the evaluation of potential foster parents and adoptive parents.

To Human Services.

HJR 68 (By Hopson), Proposing a constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes from \$15,000 to \$30,000 and providing for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of taxes that may be imposed for those purposes on the homestead of an elderly or disabled person to reflect the increased exemption amount.

To Ways and Means.

HJR 70 (By Paxton), Proposing a constitutional amendment regarding the maximum rate of growth of appropriations and the use of unencumbered surplus general revenues to fund the state's rainy day fund and a public school property tax relief fund.

To Appropriations.

SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER

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

Senate List No. 6

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