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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 37).

Present — Mr. Speaker; Allen; Alonzo; Anchia; Anderson; Ashby; Aycock; Bell; Bohac; Bonnen, D.; Bonnen, G.; Branch; Burkett; Burnam; Button; Callegari; Canales; Capriglione; Carter; Clardy; Coleman; Collier; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Creighton; Crownover; Dale; Darby; Davis, J.; Davis, S.; Davis, Y.; Deshotel; Dukes; Dutton; Eiland; Elkins; Fallon; Farias; Farney; Farrar; Fletcher; Flynn; Frank; Frullo; Geren; Giddings; Goldman; Gonzales; González, M.; Gooden; Guerra; Guillen; Gutierrez; Harless; Harper-Brown; Hernandez Luna; Herrero; Hilderbran; Howard; Huberty; Hughes; Hunter; Isaac; Johnson; Kacal; Keffer; King, K.; King, P.; King, S.; King, T.; Kleinschmidt; Klick; Kolkhorst; Krause; Kuempel; Larson; Laubenberg; Lavender; Leach; Lewis; Longoria; Lozano; Lucio; Márquez; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McClendon; Menéndez; Miles; Miller, D.; Miller, R.; Moody; Morrison; Muñoz; Murphy; Naishtat; Nevárez; Oliveira; Orr; Otto; Paddie; Parker; Patrick; Perez; Perry; Phillips; Pickett; Pitts; Price; Raney; Ratliff; Raymond; Reynolds; Riddle; Ritter; Rodriguez, E.; Rodriguez, J.; Rose; Sanford; Schaefer; Sheets; Sheffield, J.; Sheffield, R.; Simmons; Simpson; Smith; Smithee; Springer; Stephenson; Stickland; Strama; Taylor; Thompson, E.; Thompson, S.; Toth; Turner, C.; Turner, E.S.; Turner, S.; Villalba; Villarreal; Vo; Walle; White; Workman; Wu; Zedler; Zerwas.

Absent, Excused — Alvarado; Gonzalez, N.

The speaker recognized Representative Isaac who introduced Kevin Withem, senior minister, Westover Hills Church of Christ, Austin, who offered the invocation as follows:

Our Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious freedom that you have afforded this great nation and this great State of Texas. As the work of this chamber begins today, may we appreciate the sacrifices that have been made and are being made to afford us these freedoms. We see these as a gift from your hand.

We humbly approach you in prayer this morning with a solemn sense of the important work that is done here. I express to you, on behalf of the citizens of this great state, our gratitude for putting into the hearts of each of these who represent the various districts a desire to serve rather than to be served. You have promised in your word that if we ask in faith for wisdom, that you give it generously. I pray

that you will fill each of their minds and hearts with such discernment that comes from above. Father, may they trust you with all of their hearts and lean not on their own understanding. May you guide and direct their steps and their paths. Give each of these representatives the energy and the strength and the endurance to fulfill their important role. Keep them from the temptation to compromise their integrity. Give them courage and protection from undue criticism. Help us, their fellow citizens, to offer our ideas and input to them with civility and graciousness. And may each of us, fellow citizens and public servants, put the common good ahead of self interest.

I ask that you bless and protect the families of these who serve in this place. Keep them strong and safe in your care. They share in the sacrifices that are made so that these gathered might give countless hours to the interests and needs of the people of Texas.

Father, bless our governor, Rick Perry, and those serving in the senate in their daily responsibilities. May the decisions and directions taken by these house members honor you and your will. May the ambitions in this room be for the continued peace and freedom and opportunity and prosperity of the people of Texas. I offer this in prayer in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

The speaker recognized Representative E. Thompson 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 a family emergency:

N. Gonzalez on motion of Cortez.

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

Alvarado on motion of Cortez.

REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS SUSPENDED

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

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).

CAPITOL PHYSICIAN

The speaker recognized Representative Kolkhorst who presented Dr. Jorge Duchicela of Weimar as the "Doctor for the Day."

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

(Kacal in the chair)

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The chair recognized Representative Fallon who introduced family members of Sergeant Enrique Mondragon, speaking as follows:

This is the first time that I stand before you, and if I have the privilege to serve in this body for just this one year or for 40, I'll never share with you words that are more important than the ones that I do now. Today, we honor one of our own, who we lost this past Christmas Eve in a theater of war literally a half a world away. We honor a fallen Texan who volunteered to serve our country and willingly went into harm's way for you, and for me, and for millions of strangers he'll never meet. His name is Army Sergeant Enrique Mondragon, known to his friends and family and loved ones as Rick. His widow, Katie, and their 3-year-old daughter, Beverly, are here with us today. When I called Katie last week to ask her and invite her to come to the reading of this resolution, she said something that was really beyond her years. Because I said, "Katie, I don't want to make your life any harder than it already is." And she said, "No, I'm going to come, and I'm going to bring our daughter, too, because I want my daughter, Beverly, to know who her father was."

Beverly, your father's a hero. A first generation American—the Mondragon story, like so many immigrants that come before them, is a quintessential American story. Rick's parents were born in difficult circumstances in Mexico, and they sought a better life, and in doing so, they came to Texas. Rick was born in Dallas and graduated high school in The Colony. And at a mall in Frisco, Texas, he met Katie Argueta—they both worked at the JCPenney. As time passed, they grew closer and married. Rick decided in turn that he wanted to provide a better life for his family, and he joined the U.S. military. In June 2010, their daughter Beverly was born. Rick graduated from Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri, protecting those that defend us serving as a U.S. Army military policeman.

There's a poster that many of us have seen that says, "All gave some, and some gave all." Rick Mondragon gave all. With the deepest joys of life before him, and all the options and promise of youth, he was called to serve. And he answered that call, and because he did, Katie and he will never grow old together. Beverly won't have her daddy holding her hand as she walks to school for the first time. He won't be holding his camera with an irrepressible smile as she takes her first communion. He won't see her grinning with pride as she shows him the first "A" on her report card, and her daddy won't shuffle his feet awkwardly at the daddy-daughter dance. He won't be there for her confirmation; he won't see her turn her tassel in high school, or her college graduation. And he won't be there to offer his arm to a beaming bride on her wedding day. That is sacrifice born out of love, because genuine love is selflessness defined, and it, in turn, is born of sacrifice and giving.

In 2013, only 11 percent of the world's population lives in thriving democracies, and we do. Put simply, the blessings and bounties we enjoy are because this country has men like Rick Mondragon. During a ceremony commemorating the 40th anniversary of the D-Day invasion, President Reagan, standing at the cliffs of Pointe du Hoc, shared words that ring as true today as

they did nearly 30 years ago when he spoke them. And for Sergeant Rick Mondragon and his brothers of today and yesterday that gave their lives for us, let us make a vow to them, by our actions, that we understand what they died for. That our actions say to them the words which Matthew Ridgway stated, "I will not fail thee, and I will not forsake thee." Strengthened by their courage, heartened by their valor, and borne by their memory, let us continue to stand for the ideals for which they lived and died. And on this Valentine's Day, and all days that follow, let's honor Rick Mondragon's sacrifice by extending a hand to a stranger a little warmer, hugging our children a little tighter, kissing our spouses a little sweeter, and smiling at our family a little brighter. Please keep a special place in your heart and pray for the Mondragon family.

HR 186 - ADOPTED
(by Fallon)

Representative Fallon moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 186**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 186, In memory of U.S. Army Sergeant Enrique Mondragon of Little Elm.

HR 186 was read and was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

On motion of Representative Flynn, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 186** as signers thereof.

REMARKS ORDERED PRINTED

Representative Naishtat moved to print remarks by Representative Fallon on **HR 186**.

The motion prevailed.

COMMITTEES GRANTED PERMISSION TO MEET

Pursuant to Rule 4, Section 9 of the House Rules, Representative S. Turner requested permission for all Committee on Appropriations subcommittees to meet while the house is in session, pursuant to their committee postings. For purposes of this motion, those subcommittees that are scheduled to meet upon final adjournment or recess shall be considered to meet while the house is in session.

Permission to meet was granted.

(Speaker in the chair)

HB 10 - COMMITTEE ON CALENDARS RULE ADOPTED

Pursuant to Rule 3, Section 4(2) and Rule 6, Section 16(f) of the House Rules, Representative Hunter moved to adopt the following rule governing floor consideration for **HB 10**:

Section 1. All original amendments that will be offered during second reading consideration of the bill must be filed with the chief clerk by 5 p.m. on Monday, February 18.

Section 2. (a) During second and third reading consideration of the bill, any amendment that adds or increases an item of appropriation in the bill is not in order unless the amendment contains an equal or greater reduction in one or more items of appropriation in the bill from the fund or funds against which the appropriation is to be certified.

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

COMMITTEE ON CALENDARS RULE REMARKS

REPRESENTATIVE EILAND: I think that it's important that we have a little bit of discussion so everybody understands how this rule works—not just on this bill, but on the future supplemental bills. Because I understand that this bill is limited to—**HB 10**, next week, will be limited basically to paying the Medicaid bills for the rest of the year and paying the bills from TEA to our school districts for the rest of the year. Correct?

REPRESENTATIVE HUNTER: Well, that probably needs to be asked to Mr. Pitts on what's in the bill. On the procedure, I'll take that, but I'll ask Mr. Pitts to answer your question.

REPRESENTATIVE PITTS: Craig, really the education is the deferral that we did last session, didn't bring us as much money savings as we thought, so it's \$317 million that we've got to give to our schools. Now, it's not any—it's new money, but it's not new money to the schools. And then, because of recapture, we have \$313 million that we've got to add, and it's just the appropriation authority, the money is already there, but we're just appropriating that money to the schools. The only other item is that we had a \$300 million savings because interest rates were so much lower than we anticipated, and so, it's the Medicaid, the CHIP issue, and the TEA deferral, and the recapture and the bond debt are the items in **HB 10**.

EILAND: Right. And, so the members know, there will be at least one and probably two other supplemental appropriations bills, as well as a general appropriations bill, for the next biennium that will be coming later.

PITTS: That is correct.

EILAND: And we'll offer the same amendments from the Calendars Committee for those other three bills as well.

PITTS: That is typically what we do.

EILAND: Right, and so, I think that the bill next week—everybody wants to make sure we pass it, and probably pass it as is, because it's just paying the bills for the rest of the year.

PITTS: That is correct.

EILAND: What I want to make sure some members know is that in the other bills, for example—parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker—if this rule did not go on, or if this rule was not proposed, an amendment could be in order to say, look we've got \$995 million under the spending cap, I'd like to offer an amendment to put \$995 million in TEA, or some into TEA and some into higher ed. If this amendment was not there, and we had the money available, that motion would be in order. Generally speaking.

SPEAKER STRAUS: Germane amendments would be in order.

EILAND: Right, and so for example, TEA is in this bill tomorrow—next Thursday—you could add money to TEA if this calendar rule did not go on.

SPEAKER: Without getting into the specifics of a particular amendment—

EILAND: Right, but generally speaking—

SPEAKER: Germane amendments would be accepted.

EILAND: And so, that's what I want to make sure, so there may not be as many questions on this particular calendar rule on this particular bill, Mr. Chairman, but there may be questions when we have another proposal that comes up if there's still money left on the table because we'd have to take a vote to up the spending cap.

PITTS: That is correct.

EILAND: So that's when this particular calendar rule may have some very significant impacts in some members' minds. Would you agree with that?

PITTS: Our general revenue that we're spending is \$4.84 billion in **HB 10**, \$11.8 billion in all funds and that's all we're talking about in this bill. We're not talking about any other additional money in this bill and this calendar rule will limit it to that \$484 billion.

REPRESENTATIVE MARTINEZ FISCHER: I'm trying to get organized here, and I'm looking that we have one bill on the proposed calendar. Is that correct?

SPEAKER: That is correct.

MARTINEZ FISCHER: But I noticed that we have three calendars that were printed, and so I'm trying to understand why we had three printings of the calendar. Could the chair tell me why the calendar timestamped at 11:08, why that was replaced?

HUNTER: There was a second meeting of Calendars, yesterday morning and yesterday afternoon.

MARTINEZ FISCHER: More specifically, I wasn't inquiring as to the Calendars Committee. I'm inquiring as to the printing of the calendar, which is done by printing. Is the chief clerk the place or person that is charged with receiving the timestamps of our filings?

SPEAKER: Yes. That's right.

MARTINEZ FISCHER: Well I'm looking at a timestamp from February 13th for 11:08 a.m., and it's a reported calendar, but it's been replaced. So I am just trying to figure out what was wrong with this first calendar.

SPEAKER: The calendars were printed by the chief clerk in the order they were received.

MARTINEZ FISCHER: Yes, sir, but I guess my inquiry is, we have one bill on the calendar, it's **HB 10**, but we have three different printings of three different calendars. I just want to know what are the changes from the one that was timestamped at 11:08 versus the one timestamped at 4:23 p.m.?

SPEAKER: The chief clerk printed the calendars as they were received. I could recognize Representative Hunter to explain to you the calendars.

HUNTER: We met in Calendars yesterday morning, we set it up on major state, we called a second Calendars meeting yesterday at 4 and placed it in under the house rule emergency because this is a deadline rule under the rules.

MARTINEZ FISCHER: Okay, so then the correction and the revision was changing it to an emergency calendar?

HUNTER: Under the house rules.

MARTINEZ FISCHER: With regard to the calendar, generally speaking, the house bills have a 36-hour layout. This is something that we are going to be considering on Thursday. Is there a significance why we have a longer layout period for **HB 10**?

SPEAKER: It's a general appropriations bill.

REPRESENTATIVE WALLE: With the adoption of this rule, we are, in essence, any emergency item that we would think would be substantive to the bill, to the actual substance of the bill, would be prohibited by the adoption of the rule. For instance, I have a bill that, for emergency purposes, would allow more training for school resource officers. Obviously security is a big issue now in our schools. It's being debated nationally and, obviously, locally. That amendment, should I want to add additional revenue to, as Chairman Eiland reiterated earlier, would be out of order?

HUNTER: I can't answer you on amendments. You'd have to ask the parliamentarian. The bill setting is either an emergency item when the governor declares an emergency, or it can be classified under an emergency under the house rules when you have a deadline. And I believe Chairman Pitts has a March deadline that the payments have to be made. On amendments, you would have to get approval through the parliamentarian.

WALLE: The parliamentary inquiry is, with the adoption of this rule, it would prohibit the ability of folks like myself that have emergency items that we would want to discuss, that pertain to this bill, would be out of order?

SPEAKER: Mr. Walle, we would have to look at the specific amendments and see how it comports with the calendar rules.

WALLE: What I am saying, with the adoption of the rule and the put-take, we would have to get it from somewhere else. We couldn't add additional revenue for school security and the protection of our children?

SPEAKER: For this bill, that is correct.

REPRESENTATIVE KEFFER: Mr. Pitts, there have been some conversations around on the floor of the house about the possibility of a supplemental bill on education. I'm just wondering if it is your intention to look at, in a future time this session, on education, whether it's public or community college or whatever the case may be, to work with the membership and to see if there is an opportunity for a supplemental bill?

PITTS: The next supplemental bill—there's one already filed that will probably be amended during the course of our discussion on appropriations. Yes, that bill currently has money for the wildfires, that we need to pay the debt on that. We are looking into what we can do for public education in that supplemental bill.

KEFFER: The one that is already filed, that could be amended?

PITTS: Right, that's under discussion.

KEFFER: Well, thank you, because I think that's very important for everyone to know on this floor to that there is that opportunity.

PITTS: The discussion is ongoing.

REPRESENTATIVE STRAMA: Chairman Pitts, I want to follow up on the same thing that Chairman Keffer was asking about. We can't uncut the \$5.5 billion dollars we cut from public education. But there's still about eight months remaining in this biennium to try to get them some money that will still help them. It seems to me that they're going to have a lot of kids who need remediation after this next administration of the STARR exam. And there is time for us to make a meaningful difference in the resources available to them to help those kids who fail this spring's STARR administration pass it on the retake this summer. It sounds to me like our opportunity to restore some of the cuts we made is in this next supplemental appropriation that you just alluded to, not in the one that's coming before us next Thursday. Is that correct?

PITTS: It would be in the next supplemental bill, which will come up in about a month or month and a half.

STRAMA: Well, that was my next question, because I don't know how long it takes from the time we enact a supplemental appropriations bill that tries to get schools some resources just for this summer so they can remediate kids who fail the first administration of the STARR to give them a better chance on the second administration. I don't know how long it takes to get that money out to them. But it seems to me, the sooner we can signal to them that money's going to be there for them, the sooner they can start strategizing about how to put that money to optimum effect for those kids. Because we know, the numbers are staggering, how many kids are failing the STARR exams on the first take.

PITTS: A supplemental bill in appropriations has immediate effect.

STRAMA: Is there a reason it is going to take four or five more weeks before we get that bill to the floor?

PITTS: There is a group of members that are in discussion right now about what we can do for public education in the supplemental bill.

STRAMA: Next Thursday, **HB 10** is going to be on the floor, and it wouldn't be beyond the means of this house to adopt an amendment to that bill that takes some of that \$995 million that's available to us after we've funded the things we have to fund in **HB 10** within the spending cap and within available revenues due to the underestimation of the actual received revenues in the current biennium when we adopted the budget last session. I feel like it's within the means of this house to identify a way to flow money to the school districts for STARR remediation as soon as next week. Is there a reason it can't be in this bill? Because if we adopt this rule, it can't be in this bill.

PITTS: This bill, **HB 10**, has to pass the floor of the house, it has to go to the senate, and if the senate adds any amendments that we agree with or do not agree with, it will have to come back here; we will either concur or we'll have to go to conference. And we have about two weeks that we have to get that bill through that process, and passed, and sent to the governor's office, or your constituents, my constituents will not be able to get health care. Your doctors, your hospitals, your other healthcare providers will not get reimbursed. We have two weeks to get that to the governor's office. It may sound easy for you to start putting money into the education diff. We're working on it, Mark. It is something we have to do within the next two weeks to get passed.

STRAMA: I think that's sound reasoning. What I would say is that there may not be the same urgent deadline for the distribution of additional money to the education system for purposes of STARR remediation as there is in getting the Medicaid money out. There may not be the same sort of absolute deadline, but the urgency is there for them to know that it's coming or they will not be able to plan around it and they will not have the strategies in place to utilize the money to optimum effect when they need it. All I would say is let's get that next supplemental bill moving as fast as we can, and I'd be happy to help you with that.

REPRESENTATIVE HERRERO: Under the proposed rule, would an amendment be in order if the amendment increases the total appropriations under **HB 10**?

HUNTER: That's a substantive issue; you'll have to ask Chairman Pitts.

PITTS: If I understand your question, can you increase the fiscal note, if you will, on this bill? This bill has \$4.84 billion. If we enact the calendar rule, you can do anything with amendments that you want to with the \$4.84 billion. You cannot add money to this bill. Now, of course, the parliamentarian would have to look at your amendment to see if it's germane and other parliamentary requirements.

HERRERO: This would be in the event that the rule is adopted, as proposed, correct?

PITTS: Yes, that's if the rule is adopted.

HERRERO: So if the rule is adopted, then we're locked to the amount currently appropriated under **HB 10**?

PITTS: If the rule is adopted, you can move money from HHSC Medicaid and put it another place if that amendment is germane. But let me warn you, if you start taking money away from the Medicaid or the other items on this list, you will damage the repayment of Medicaid services by your doctors and hospitals and also could limit medical care for your constituents and mine.

HERRERO: Right, so if I really want to help my constituents and make sure that physicians are receiving a reimbursement rate that is, at a minimum, equal to Medicare, that allows them to continue to provide these services to our constituents, then what you're telling me is that, if I adopt this rule, I would not then be able to further help them, because I cannot increase the reimbursement rates under **HB 10**, if this rule were adopted. Is that correct?

PITTS: That is correct.

HERRERO: In that light, if the rule were adopted, and I guess the point I bring this up, and as we all know and I want to thank you for sharing with us this information from the Appropriations Committee, is that, we now know from the comptroller's estimates that we have an unexpended balance of \$8.8 billion. Is that correct?

PITTS: That is correct.

HERRERO: I guess, if this rule were adopted as proposed, and I understand that even though it's not being used in the language of the rule, that the term that has been used in the past is that any amendment would then have to be revenue neutral. Is that correct?

PITTS: That is correct.

HERRERO: My question then, would an amendment be proper if funds are pulled from the appropriations bill from the 82nd Legislature which are appropriating funds for this current biennium, which **HB 10** currently tends to supplement the appropriations that were appropriated from the 82nd Legislature? Would it be appropriate for me to pull from funds appropriated in the budget bill for this current biennium that are not listed in **HB 10**?

If this rule was adopted, knowing that the amendment would have to be revenue neutral, would I, or someone in the body, be able to offer an amendment that redistributes money appropriated in the 82nd Legislature for this current biennium and pull from those appropriations and allocate them within this **HB 10**? In other words, the appropriations amount would still be neutral because the amount that we're currently appropriating is a supplemental bill pertains to the appropriations of the 2012-2013 year.

SPEAKER: The amendments would have to be revenue neutral within this bill.

HERRERO: So you would only be able to move money from either the Medicaid or the education appropriations contained within **HB 10**?

SPEAKER: That is correct.

HERRERO: And that would be the same case even though this supplemental appropriations bill is appropriating funds pertaining to this current biennium, correct? I'll restate my inquiry. Would the chair's ruling be the same even noting that **HB 10** is merely supplementing the appropriations of the current biennium, that I would then, or the body would try to pull resources from those previously appropriated funds that were unexpended to this date.

SPEAKER: Under Section 2 of **HB 10** of the calendar rule it says "in the bill."

HERRERO: And that's what I'm trying to get at, Mr. Speaker, is if we adopt this rule we would essentially lock the body to the total amount appropriated in **HB 10**, further if this rule were adopted we would further tie the hands of the body in trying to provide revenue neutral amendments if we were not allowed then to pull from allocations of this current biennium. Is that correct?

SPEAKER: Any money that would be moved by an amendment would have to be from within the bill. Mr. Herrero, under Section 2 of **HB 10**—of the calendar rule, it says "in the bill."

HERRERO: And that's what I'm trying to get at, Mr. Speaker, is if we adopt this rule, we would essentially lock the body to the total amount appropriated in **HB 10**. Further, if this rule were adopted, we would further tie the hands of the body in trying to provide revenue neutral amendments if we were not allowed then to pull from allocations of this current biennium. Is that correct?

SPEAKER: Mr. Herrero, any money that would be moved by amendment would have to be from within the bill.

HERRERO: Right. So, when we're talking of "the bill," we're not talking about the appropriations bill as it pertains to this current biennium, we're talking about the bill, **HB 10**.

SPEAKER: That's correct.

HERRERO: Would an amendment be in order, if this rule were adopted, if the total appropriations in the bill, **HB 10**, uses sources of revenue outside of all funds, for example the rainy day fund?

SPEAKER: Mr. Herrero, there's no rainy day fund in this bill. The only funds for appropriations in this bill are non-rainy day fund.

HERRERO: Mr. Speaker, I'm being asked why I'm asking these questions, and the point to all this is that if we're going to be limited to the amount of amendments, or the types of amendments that we can offer to try to help provide further Medicaid assistance to help serve our constituents, I want to know what those parameters are going to be. I'm just trying to get clarification on what the rule does, and what it states, and to make sure that the way I read it as it will be interpreted and implemented. And so, I understand that there is no rainy day fund appropriated in **HB 10**, but the last legislature, under **HB 275**, appropriated approximately \$3.1 billion from the rainy day fund as it pertains to this current biennium. And that's why I was asking, if funds were pulled from the rainy day fund to help make an amendment revenue neutral, would that be an amendment that would be proper, or not?

SPEAKER: No, Mr. Herrero.

HERRERO: I understand that the rule, as proposed under House Rule 6, Section 16(f), is not subject to amendment. My parliamentary inquiry is this, Mr. Speaker—what options do we as the body have to make proposals that would change the rule that we would be considering in adopting today?

SPEAKER: Mr. Herrero, there would be a method to suspend the rules.

HERRERO: Right, and so, if someone were to be recognized to move to suspend all necessary rules to amend the proposed rule, would that be something that the speaker would recognize a member to do?

SPEAKER: We certainly can talk about it, Mr. Herrero.

HERRERO: If this rule were adopted, as proposed—and I don't mean this rule—let me restate this. If a rule similar to this, as proposed, were in effect, and there was an appropriations bill being considered that had pork barrel spending, if, unless you filed that amendment prior to the deadline, and unless you filed that amendment that was revenue neutral, we then in considering the appropriations bill would be unable to remove that pork barrel spending. Is that correct?

SPEAKER: The chair would have to see the amendment in order to answer your question.

HERRERO: The term "revenue neutral"—does that mean that the ending balance of any appropriations bill has to remain the same as being considered? In other words, it cannot increase and it cannot decrease.

SPEAKER: Mr. Herrero, it could decrease but not increase.

HERRERO: I'm sorry?

SPEAKER: Under this rule, there could be a decrease, but not an increase.

REMARKS ORDERED PRINTED

Representative Herrero moved to print all remarks on the adoption of the Committee on Calendars rule for **HB 10**.

The motion prevailed.

REPRESENTATIVE NEVÁREZ: Chairman Pitts, I was listening to your dialogue regarding the time of the bills coming out of the house and going to the senate, and I just want make sure there there's not a misconception that members of the body are trying to slow the process of the bill as it makes it way out of the house, into the senate, and onto the governor's desk. And so, if I'm reading your comments correctly regarding what I would call a put-back, take-back amendment, what would any other type of amendment that's not a put-back amendment, that we would hear next week, how would that slow the process any?

PITTS: You would have to ask the parliamentarian if it was germane, but, you know, I have no idea what you are going to try to be adding be to this bill. We have some other restrictions on spending limits and other things. We have got to put certain items in our other supplemental bill that goes for this biennium. And I

may have to get up here and argue something that is a very good cause, but we don't have room to be doing that. If we have an amendment put on this bill, and the senate doesn't agree to it, then it has to go into conference. It's going to delay it, and we are not going to be able to get it to the governor's desk so we can meet the deadline before the money runs out.

NEVÁREZ: No, I get that, but we are still, the rule as I read it, or the amendment to this house rule is allowing us to have an amendment that is a put-back, take-back.

PITTS: That is correct.

NEVÁREZ: So in essence, even that amendment would also slow down anything coming out of the house, if we follow your logic.

PITTS: It could.

NEVÁREZ: And so my point is, whether it's a put-back, take-back amendment, it doesn't change the time and how things are going to come out of the house and go to the senate. Therefore, any argument that any member of the body would be trying to slow this process down is really not a good argument when we're looking at this bill next week. And we certainly want to vote it out of the house, because nobody here wants to fail their constituencies and the doctors and the professionals.

MARTINEZ FISCHER: It's my understanding, in our discussion, that we were evaluating the calendar rule and how it plays relative to the rules of the house. And I just want to make sure that, with regard to the calendar rule that we are going to vote on, it is not your intent to establish by precedent, or any other means, that calendar rules have the ability to trump house rules. Is that correct?

HUNTER: Correct.

MARTINEZ FISCHER: And I also understand, and I appreciate you telling me, is that we have an amendment submission time that's different because it relates to the fact that it is a federal holiday, and you wanted to make sure that folks who were going to be observing that holiday would still have time to get their amendments in. Is that correct?

HUNTER: That's correct.

MARTINEZ FISCHER: And for no other reason?

HUNTER: That's correct. And let me add one other comment based on our discussion, this is for this bill only.

REPRESENTATIVE COLEMAN: Members, these rules have been done for an awfully long time on all appropriations bills. But as you know, last session was extremely devastating to areas of the budget that really make a difference for people in the State of Texas. And Chairman Pitts and others are doing the right thing by putting this money and getting it to the coffers in order to pay back—make sure we can continue the Medicaid program.

But I also think that we have to talk about what we think is important. We have to make sure that in the future, we have opportunities to do what is important. And the only way to do that is to make it very clear that we want those opportunities, and demonstrate that, and what I am going to do is demonstrate that through a "no" vote. I think the bill is great and I'm going to vote for the bill when it comes on the floor. But in terms of making a record—that I'd like to, personally, in terms of my constituents, see more in the future—I want to make that clear through my vote.

REPRESENTATIVE BURNAM: Chairman Coleman, does that mean that you think the bill itself is a good idea, but you do not like the constraints that this particular rule puts on the members and their ability to effect, positively, legislation in the future?

COLEMAN: I agree—I mean, I do. I think that we have to be able to represent our districts, and in terms of representing our districts, we have to have an opportunity to do that on the legislation that is on the floor. I believe that we just make that clear. I want to make that clear, and it's no different than in the past. But for some of the new members, when I got here—as many republicans would say the same thing—they would vote against the rule because they couldn't do the things that they wanted to do to reduce the budget.

BURNAM: Thank you very much for pointing that out.

The Committee on Calendars rule was adopted by (Record 38): 107 Yeas, 36 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Anderson; Ashby; Aycock; Bell; Bohac; Bonnen, D.; Bonnen, G.; Branch; Burkett; Button; Callegari; Capriglione; Carter; Clardy; Cook; Craddick; Creighton; Crownover; Dale; Darby; Davis, J.; Davis, S.; Deshotel; Dukes; Dutton; Elkins; Fallon; Farney; Farrar; Fletcher; Flynn; Frank; Frullo; Geren; Giddings; Goldman; Gonzales; Gooden; Harless; Harper-Brown; Hilderbran; Howard; Huberty; Hughes; Hunter; Isaac; Kacal; Keffer; King, K.; King, P.; King, S.; Kleinschmidt; Klick; Kolkhorst; Krause; Kuempel; Larson; Laubenberg; Lavender; Leach; Lewis; Lozano; McClendon; Menéndez; Miller, D.; Miller, R.; Morrison; Muñoz; Murphy; Orr; Otto; Paddie; Parker; Patrick; Perry; Phillips; Pitts; Price; Raney; Ratliff; Raymond; Riddle; Ritter; Sanford; Schaefer; Sheets; Sheffield, J.; Sheffield, R.; Simmons; Simpson; Smith; Smithee; Springer; Stephenson; Stickland; Strama; Taylor; Thompson, E.; Thompson, S.; Toth; Turner, E.S.; Turner, S.; Villalba; White; Workman; Zedler; Zerwas.

Nays — Allen; Alonzo; Anchia; Burnam; Canales; Coleman; Collier; Cortez; Davis, Y.; Eiland; Farias; González, M.; Guerra; Guillen; Gutierrez; Hernandez Luna; Herrero; Johnson; King, T.; Longoria; Lucio; Márquez; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; Moody; Naishtat; Nevárez; Oliveira; Perez; Reynolds; Rodriguez, E.; Rodriguez, J.; Rose; Turner, C.; Walle; Wu.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent, Excused — Alvarado; Gonzalez, N.

Absent — Miles; Pickett; Villarreal; Vo.

STATEMENTS OF VOTE

I was shown voting yes on Record No. 38. I intended to vote no.

Menéndez

When Record No. 38 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted no.

Miles

I was shown voting yes on Record No. 38. I intended to vote no.

Muñoz

When Record No. 38 was taken, my vote failed to register. I would have voted no.

Pickett

REASON FOR VOTE

While I intend to vote in favor of the supplemental appropriations for Medicaid programs and the Foundation School Program in **HB 10**, I could not support the procedural calendar rule adopted today because it prohibits us from restoring the damaging appropriation cuts that were made the previous legislative session.

Herrero

HR 395 - ADOPTED

(by Smith)

Representative Smith moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 395**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 395, Honoring Helen Smith, Baytown's "Pie Lady."

(Kacal in the chair)

HR 395 was read and was adopted.

On motion of Representative Lewis, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 395** as signers thereof.

COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following committee meetings were announced:

Appropriations, Subcommittee on Articles I, IV, and V, 11:45 a.m. today, E1.026, for a public hearing, to continue the posted agenda.

Appropriations, Subcommittee on Article II, 11:45 a.m. today, JHR 120, for a public hearing, to continue the posted agenda.

HCR 37 - ADOPTED
(by Isaac)

Representative Isaac moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HCR 37**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HCR 37, Congratulating Alva and Willie Mae Haydon of Dripping Springs on their 75th wedding anniversary.

HCR 37 was read and was adopted.

On motion of Representative Kolkhorst, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HCR 37** as signers thereof.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The chair recognized Representative Isaac who introduced Alva and Willie Mae Haydon and members of their family.

HR 265 - ADOPTED
(by Dukes, et al.)

Representative Dukes moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 265**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 265, Recognizing February 14, 2013, as Texas Association of Black Personnel in Higher Education Day at the State Capitol and commemorating the 40th anniversary of that organization.

HR 265 was read and was adopted.

On motion of Representative E. S. Turner, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 265** as signers thereof.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The chair recognized Representative Dukes who introduced representatives of the Texas Association of Black Personnel in Higher Education.

HR 425 - ADOPTED
(by Kolkhorst)

Representative Kolkhorst moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 425**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 425, Recognizing February 14, 2013, as Leadership Fayette County Day at the State Capitol.

HR 425 was adopted.

HR 431 - ADOPTED
(by Springer)

Representative Springer moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 431**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 431, Commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Muenster Jaycees.

HR 431 was adopted.

On motion of Representative Hughes, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 431** as signers thereof.

HR 434 - ADOPTED
(by E. S. Turner)

Representative E. S. Turner moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 434**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 434, In memory of Nate Oxford of Fate and recognizing February 15, 2013, as Nate Oxford Day.

HR 434 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

On motion of Representative Hilderbran, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 434** 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:

Vo on motion of Howard.

HR 406 - ADOPTED
(by Springer)

Representative Springer moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 406**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 406, Welcoming members of Leadership Montague County to the State Capitol.

HR 406 was adopted.

CONGRATULATORY AND MEMORIAL CALENDAR RESET

Representative Schaefer moved to reset the Congratulatory and Memorial Calendar for 2 p.m. Monday, February 18.

The motion prevailed.

PROVIDING FOR ADJOURNMENT

At 12:05 p.m., Representative Fallon moved that, at the conclusion of the reading of bills and resolutions on first reading and referral to committees, the house adjourn until 2 p.m. Monday, February 18 in memory of U.S. Army Sergeant Enrique Mondragon of Little Elm.

The motion prevailed.

BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING AND REFERRAL TO COMMITTEES RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES CORRECTIONS IN REFERRAL

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. Pursuant to Rule 1, Section 4 of the House Rules, the chair at this time corrected the referral of measures to committees. (See the addendum to the daily journal, Referred to Committees, List No. 1.)

(Bohac in the chair)

ADJOURNMENT

In accordance with a previous motion, the house, at 12:18 p.m., adjourned until 2 p.m. Monday, February 18.

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 569 (By White), Relating to a study on the stringency of state environmental standards.

To Environmental Regulation.

HB 570 (By Alonzo), Relating to issuance of a magistrate's order for emergency protection.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 572 (By Isaac), Relating to the issuance to veterans of specially marked licenses to carry a concealed handgun and specially marked personal identification certificates.

To Homeland Security and Public Safety.

HB 573 (By Alvarado), Relating to the availability of free prekindergarten programs in public schools.

To Public Education.

HB 574 (By Lozano), Relating to the punishment prescribed for the offense of bail jumping and failure to appear.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 575 (By Anchia), Relating to penalties imposed on a holder of an alcoholic beverage license or permit on the basis of a criminal prosecution.

To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

HB 576 (By Guillen), Relating to tracking career information for graduates of Texas medical schools.

To Higher Education.

HB 577 (By Guillen), Relating to the representation of certain applicants for writs of habeas corpus in cases involving the death penalty.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 578 (By Guillen), Relating to the regulation of industrialized housing and buildings.

To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

HB 579 (By Howard), Relating to a study on the feasibility of online voting.

To Elections.

HB 580 (By Howard), Relating to use of compensatory education allotment funding to provide assistance with child care to students at risk of dropping out of school.

To Public Education.

HB 582 (By Howard), Relating to certain restrictions on contributions and expenditures from political funds by a lobbyist; providing penalties.

To Elections.

HB 583 (By Kleinschmidt), Relating to the impoundment of a motor vehicle operated without financial responsibility and involved in an accident or traffic violation.

To Transportation.

HB 585 (By Villarreal), Relating to procedural requirements under the Property Tax Code.

To Ways and Means.

HB 587 (By Burnam), Relating to the eligibility of certain persons for the supplemental nutrition assistance program.

To Human Services.

HB 588 (By Craddick), Relating to the regulation of the practice of physical therapy.

To Public Health.

HB 589 (By Howard), Relating to the Lower Colorado River Authority.

To Natural Resources.

HB 590 (By Naishtat), Relating to determining a child's eligibility for a school district's special education program on the basis of a visual impairment.
To Public Education.

HB 591 (By Naishtat), Relating to the health professions resource center.
To Human Services.

HB 592 (By Naishtat), Relating to the definition of serious mental illness for purposes of certain group health benefit plans.
To Insurance.

HB 594 (By Naishtat), Relating to the medical use of marihuana.
To Public Health.

HB 595 (By Kolkhorst), Relating to the repeal of certain health programs and councils, to the review of certain health programs, panels, councils, systems, foundations, centers, committees, and divisions under the Texas Sunset Act, and to the transfer of certain functions to the Department of State Health Services; providing penalties.
To Public Health.

HB 596 (By Villarreal), Relating to state assessment of public school students.
To Public Education.

HB 597 (By Guillen), Relating to boater education and examinations on preventing the spread of exotic harmful or potentially harmful aquatic plants, fish, and shellfish.
To Culture, Recreation, and Tourism.

HB 598 (By Zerwas), Relating to a prohibition on the use of a tanning facility by a minor.
To Public Health.

HB 599 (By Lozano), Relating to educator retention at certain public schools.
To Public Education.

HB 601 (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 602 (By Lozano), Relating to the composition of the board of trustees of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.
To Pensions.

HB 603 (By Lozano), Relating to exempting certain textbooks for university and college courses from the sales and use tax.
To Ways and Means.

HB 604 (By Lozano), Relating to the evaluation of potential foster parents and adoptive parents.
To Human Services.

HB 605 (By Lozano), Relating to the authority of municipalities and counties to adopt regulations and take other actions relating to airport hazard areas.

To County Affairs.

HB 606 (By Guillen), Relating to the punishment for traffic offenses committed in a construction or maintenance work zone.

To Homeland Security and Public Safety.

HB 607 (By E. S. Turner), Relating to the phaseout and repeal of the franchise tax.

To Ways and Means.

HB 608 (By Otto), Relating to the regulation of the practice of public accountancy.

To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

HB 609 (By Huberty), Relating to the eligibility of certain persons to participate in the retirement systems of certain municipalities.

To Pensions.

HB 610 (By Larson), Relating to an exemption from license requirements for the sale of certain manufactured housing.

To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

HB 612 (By Lozano), Relating to the creation of a judicial district composed of Kenedy and Kleberg Counties.

To Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

HB 613 (By Orr), Relating to the regulation of foundation repair contractors; providing a penalty.

To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

HB 614 (By Orr), Relating to the inclusion of the emblem of the veteran's branch of service on Disabled Veteran specialty license plates.

To Defense and Veterans' Affairs.

HB 615 (By Harless), Relating to a prohibition against the knowing employment of unauthorized foreign nationals and to a biennial report regarding reported violations.

To State Affairs.

HB 616 (By Darby), Relating to the civil jurisdiction of the County Court of Glasscock County.

To Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

HB 617 (By E. Rodriguez), Relating to transition and employment services for public school students enrolled in special education programs.

To Public Education.

HB 618 (By Creighton), Relating to the issuance of specialty license plates to officers of the United States armed forces who graduated from certain United States military academies.

To Defense and Veterans' Affairs.

HB 619 (By N. Gonzalez), Relating to the requirements for issuance of certain barbering and cosmetology licenses and certificates for applicants holding licenses issued by other states; imposing fees.

To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

HB 620 (By Eiland), Relating to the regulation of certain health care provider network contract arrangements.

To Insurance.

HB 622 (By Eiland), Relating to the report by the General Land Office to the legislature on the effectiveness of the coastal management program.

To Land and Resource Management.

HB 623 (By Eiland), Relating to the board of pilot commissioners for the ports of Galveston County.

To Transportation.

HB 624 (By Zedler), Relating to the payment for services provided by certain types of health care practitioners under contracts between the practitioners and managed care health benefit plans.

To Insurance.

HB 625 (By Harper-Brown), Relating to the penalty for the operation of a vehicle without a license plate.

To Transportation.

HB 626 (By Harper-Brown), Relating to the number of hours certain employees must work to be eligible to participate in the Texas Municipal Retirement System.

To Pensions.

HB 628 (By Dale), Relating to the right of a member of the board of trustees of a school district to obtain information, documents, and records.

To Public Education.

HB 629 (By Larson), Relating to the regulation of dangerous wild animals.

To Culture, Recreation, and Tourism.

HB 630 (By Larson), Relating to the filling of vacancies on a political party's county executive committee.

To Elections.

HB 632 (By S. Davis), Relating to the applicability of massage therapy licensing requirements to a person employing certain muscle activation techniques.

To Public Health.

HB 635 (By Howard), Relating to the sunset review of the Lower Colorado River Authority.

To Natural Resources.

HB 636 (By Alonzo), Relating to proof of eligibility for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the residence homestead of a person.

To Ways and Means.

HB 637 (By Giddings), Relating to placement of certain public school students in a disciplinary alternative education program.

To Public Education.

HB 638 (By Patrick), Relating to the establishment of an advisory committee to study the feasibility of requiring dental examinations for certain public school students.

To Public Health.

HB 639 (By Patrick), Relating to the eligibility requirements for admission of undergraduate students to a general academic teaching institution.

To Higher Education.

HB 641 (By Patrick), Relating to the number of charters the State Board of Education may grant for open-enrollment charter schools.

To Public Education.

HB 642 (By Patrick), Relating to continuing education requirements for certain educators.

To Public Education.

HB 643 (By Patrick), Relating to the name of The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center Baylor College of Dentistry.

To Higher Education.

HB 645 (By Patrick), Relating to authorization for granting, in response to petitions by parents, campus charters for certain public school campuses identified as unacceptable.

To Public Education.

HB 647 (By Patrick), Relating to employment by open-enrollment charter schools of certain persons as teachers.

To Public Education.

HB 648 (By Farias), Relating to prohibiting the land disposal of computer equipment and certain television equipment.

To Environmental Regulation.

HB 649 (By Stickland), Relating to tax reimbursement for businesses that refuse to comply with certain federal health care coverage requirements based solely on the religious convictions of the owners of the businesses; authorizing tax refunds and credits.

To State Affairs.

HB 651 (By Capriglione), Relating to the number of hours certain employees must work to be eligible to participate in the Texas Municipal Retirement System.

To Pensions.

HB 652 (By Howard), Relating to consideration of certain appropriations in determining the constitutional biennial appropriations limit.

To Appropriations.

HB 653 (By Dutton), Relating to the frequency with which certain parolees are required to report to their supervision officer.

To Corrections.

HB 654 (By Cortez), Relating to the ability of a tenant representative to serve as a commissioner of a local housing authority.

To Urban Affairs.

HB 655 (By Cortez), Relating to exempting certain qualifying projects from the public and private facilities and infrastructure contracting requirements.

To Economic and Small Business Development.

HB 656 (By Cortez), Relating to the application of the public and private facilities and infrastructure law to a defense base development authority.

To Economic and Small Business Development.

HB 657 (By Lavender), Relating to the number of license plates to be issued for and displayed on motor vehicles.

To Transportation.

HB 658 (By Sheets), Relating to interest on damages subject to Medicare subrogation.

To Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

HB 659 (By Strama), Relating to state assessment instruments administered in public schools.

To Public Education.

HB 661 (By Smith), Relating to the regulation of the practice of professional surveying; providing penalties.

To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

HB 662 (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 669 (By Ratliff), Relating to the first day of instruction at a public school.

To Public Education.

HCR 10 (By S. Davis), Congratulating Robert Griffin III on winning the 2011 Heisman Trophy.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 412 (By Anderson), Congratulating Drayton McLane, Jr., of Temple on his receipt of the Mirabeau B. Lamar Medal for his contributions to higher education in Texas.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 413 (By Anderson), Congratulating Matthew Reynolds and Justin Shen of Waco High School on their selection as members of the 2013 Texas Music Educators Association All-State Choir.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 414 (By Naishtat), Honoring the Artisan Quartet of Austin and the creation of the Artisan Series concerts sponsored by the Austin Symphony.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 416 (By Craddick), Congratulating Ed and Beverly Moses of Midland on their 60th wedding anniversary.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 417 (By Wu), Honoring the Anti-Defamation League on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 418 (By Ashby), In memory of Raymond Moore of Lufkin.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 420 (By Murphy), Recognizing February 20, 2013, as Texas Manufacturers' Day.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 421 (By Farrar), Recognizing February 19, 2013, as Bayou Day at the State Capitol.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 422 (By Longoria), In memory of Otila Flores of Mission.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 423 (By Longoria), Honoring the City of Penitas.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 426 (By Price), Commemorating Patriot Day 2013.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 427 (By Price), Commemorating Memorial Day 2013.

To Rules and Resolutions.

Pursuant to Rule 1, Section 4 of the House Rules, the chair corrects the referral of the following bills and resolutions:

HB 489 (By Menéndez), Relating to the use of assistance animals that provide assistance to persons with disabilities; providing criminal penalties.

To Defense and Veterans' Affairs.

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

Thursday, February 14, 2013 - 1

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 14 Whitmire

Granting the legislature permission to adjourn for more than three days during the period beginning on Wednesday, February 13, 2013, and ending on Monday, February 18, 2013.

Respectfully,
Patsy Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

APPENDIX

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