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PROCEEDINGS

EIGHTH DAY — TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021

The house met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the speaker.

The roll of the house was called and a quorum was announced present (Record 32).

Present — Mr. Speaker(C); Allen; Allison; Anchia; Anderson; Ashby; Bailes; Beckley; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Biedermann; Bonnen; Bowers; Buckley; Bucy; Burns; Burrows; Button; Cain; Campos; Canales; Capriglione; Cason; Clardy; Cole; Coleman; Collier; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Crockett; Cyrier; Darby; Davis; Dean; Deshotel; Dominguez; Dutton; Ellzey; Fierro; Frank; Frullo; Gates; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; Goldman; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Hefner; Hernandez; Herrero; Hinojosa; Holland; Howard; Huberty; Hull; Hunter; Israel; Jetton; Johnson, A.; Johnson, J.D.; Johnson, J.E.; Kacal; King, K.; King, P.; King, T.; Klick; Krause; Kuempel; Lambert; Landgraf; Larson; Leach; Leman; Longoria; Lopez; Lozano; Lucio; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Middleton; Minjarez; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Morrison; Muñoz; Murphy; Murr; Neave; Noble; Oliverson; Ordaz Perez; Ortega; Pacheco; Paddie; Parker; Patterson; Paul; Perez; Price; Ramos; Raney; Raymond; Reynolds; Rodriguez; Rogers; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Sanford; Schaefer; Schofield; Shaheen; Sherman; Shine; Slaton; Slawson; Smith; Smithee; Stephenson; Stucky; Swanson; Talarico; Thompson, E.; Thompson, S.; Tinderholt; Toth; Turner, C.; Turner, J.; VanDeaver; Vasut; Vo; Walle; White; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Absent, Excused — Thierry.

The invocation was offered by Representative Burns as follows:

Our most gracious, heavenly Father, Lord, we come to you humbled, honoring you as our creator. Lord, we face challenges. We face challenges that sometimes only you can tackle. Lord, we ask for wisdom. We ask for discernment, for divine intervention, for us to see the path that we should follow. Lord, I pray for Texans around the state that are facing challenges. I pray for this body. And I pray that we would reflect the light of Christ and show kindness to one another. Forgive us when we fail you. It is in Jesus Christ's name that I pray. Amen.

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

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

Thierry on motion of Bowers.

HCR 41 - ADOPTED (by Metcalf)

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HCR 41, Granting the legislature permission to adjourn for more than three days during the period beginning on Tuesday, February 23, 2021, and ending on Tuesday, March 2, 2021.

HCR 41 was adopted by (Record 33): 135 Yeas, 10 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Allen; Allison; Anchia; Anderson; Ashby; Bailes; Beckley; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bonnen; Bowers; Buckley; Bucy; Burns; Burrows; Button; Campos; Canales; Capriglione; Cason; Clardy; Cole; Coleman; Collier; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Crockett; Cyrier; Darby; Davis; Dean; Deshotel; Dominguez; Dutton; Ellzey; Fierro; Frank; Frullo; Gates; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; Goldman; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harris; Hefner; Hernandez; Herrero; Hinojosa; Holland; Howard; Huberty; Hull; Hunter; Israel; Jetton; Johnson, A.; Johnson, J.D.; Johnson, J.E.; Kacal; King, K.; King, T.; Klick; Krause; Kuempel; Lambert; Landgraf; Larson; Leach; Leman; Longoria; Lopez; Lozano; Lucio; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Minjarez; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Muñoz; Murphy; Murr; Neave; Noble; Oliverson; Ordaz Perez; Ortega; Pacheco; Paddie; Parker; Patterson; Paul; Perez; Price; Ramos; Raymond; Reynolds; Rodriguez; Rogers; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Sanford; Schaefer; Shaheen; Sherman; Shine; Slawson; Smith; Smithee; Stucky; Swanson; Talarico; Thompson, E.; Thompson, S.; Toth; Turner, C.; Turner, J.; VanDeaver; Vasut; Vo; Walle; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Nays — Harless; King, P.; Middleton; Morrison; Raney; Schofield; Slaton; Stephenson; Tinderholt; White.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent, Excused — Thierry.

Absent — Biedermann; Cain.

STATEMENTS OF VOTE

When Record No. 33 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted no.

Biedermann

When Record No. 33 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted no.

Cain

When Record No. 33 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Clardy

When Record No. 33 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Price

FIVE-DAY POSTING RULE SUSPENDED

Representative Wilson moved to suspend the five-day posting rule to allow the Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Article III, to consider the posted agenda at 9 a.m. Thursday, February 25 in E2.030.

The motion prevailed.

ADDRESSES BY REPRESENTATIVES CORTEZ, RAYMOND, AND COLLIER

The chair recognized Representative Cortez who addressed the house, speaking as follows:

Members, I just wanted to quickly recognize an individual that passed away recently from my staff, Jim Boynton. Many of you worked with Jim for over 20 years here at the Capitol. I had the good pleasure of having Jim on my team for the last two legislative sessions. In 2019, he was diagnosed with cancer, and he was battling cancer for almost a year. Unfortunately, he lost his battle with cancer. Today is his birthday, and I wanted to just take a moment to wish him a heavenly birthday. I know that Jim also worked as a staff member to many of my colleagues here. You know him. He was one of the cornerstones here at the Capitol. He always had a friendly hello to greet everybody, and he always had his moustache—that was his trademark. But Jim was a great man. He was a great public servant here at the Capitol and to all the residents of the State of Texas, and so today we'll be adjourning in his memory and in his honor. Thank you all for all the well wishes y'all gave me and the condolences when Jim passed. This is in his memory. Thank you, Jim Boynton.

The chair recognized Representative Raymond who addressed the house, speaking as follows:

Sometimes we are moved to just recognize folks like Jim Boynton. This is my 27th year here, and I think I knew Jim that whole time—one of the great Texans that has really served this body. And all of us in here know that we have people who work for us—maybe they didn't get elected, maybe they didn't get to serve as an elected official—but are so important in terms of the process and helping make Texas a greater state. Jim Boynton was one of those people—a

wonderful, wonderful guy. Never complained. He fought cancer for a long time, and you wouldn't even know he had it. So God bless you, Jim. You loved Texas, and Texas loved you.

The chair recognized Representative Collier who addressed the house, speaking as follows:

Members, I just wanted to give a comment about Jim. He worked with me my first session and taught me so much. I mean, I really scored. I hit the jackpot when he came on to my office. In fact, my first session I was on Local and Consent, and maybe I wasn't, because Jim, he handled everything. I mean, literally, he knew all the details. One funny thing about Jim is that he had worked here so long, he didn't know how to work a computer, but his memory was just as good as a computer. And he will always be a lasting figure in my life and has helped me get to where I am today. So kudos to Jim.

REMARKS ORDERED PRINTED

Representative Cain moved to print remarks by Representative Cortez, Representative Raymond, and Representative Collier.

The motion prevailed.

RECESS

Representatives Cortez and Allison moved that the house recess until 10 a.m. tomorrow in memory of Jim Boynton of Sherman and Dawn Finlayson of San Antonio.

The motion prevailed.

The house accordingly, at 2:15 p.m., recessed until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

ADDENDUM

HOUSE COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

87th Legislature - Regular Session
Effective Tuesday, February 23, 2021

MONDAY

7:30 a.m.

Appropriations E1.030

10 a.m.

Defense and Veterans' Affairs E2.028

Juvenile Justice and Family Issues E2.014

Ways and Means JHR 140

2 p.m. or upon adjournment or during bill referral if permission granted

Criminal Jurisprudence E2.010

Culture, Recreation, and Tourism E2.036

Energy Resources JHR 120

Environmental Regulation E1.026

TUESDAY

8 a.m.

Business and Industry	E2.028
Human Services	E2.030
Land and Resource Management	E2.010
Natural Resources	JHR 120
Public Education	E1.004/JHR 140

10:30 a.m. or upon adjournment or during bill referral if permission granted

Insurance	E2.014
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2 p.m. or upon adjournment or during bill referral if permission granted

Transportation	E1.004/JHR 140
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WEDNESDAY

8 a.m.

Corrections	E2.026
International Relations and Economic Development	E2.012
Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence	E2.014
Pensions, Investments, and Financial Services	E2.036
Public Health	JHR 140

10:30 a.m. or upon adjournment or during bill referral if permission granted

Licensing and Administrative Procedures	JHR 120
Urban Affairs	E1.026

THURSDAY

8 a.m.

Agriculture and Livestock	E2.010
Elections	E2.028
Higher Education	JHR 120
State Affairs	E1.004/JHR 140

10:30 a.m. or upon adjournment or during bill referral if permission granted

County Affairs	E2.014
Homeland Security and Public Safety	E2.030

2 p.m. or upon adjournment or during bill referral if permission granted

Redistricting	E1.004
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