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PROCEEDINGS

FIFTH DAY — MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2025

The house met at 3 p.m. and was called to order by the speaker.

The roll of the house was called and strict enforcement was requested by Representatives Canales, Longoria, Martinez, Moody, Muñoz, and Raymond.

A quorum was not present (Record 6).

Present — Mr. Speaker(C); Alders; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bonnen; Buckley; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Canales; Capriglione; Cook; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dyson; Fairly; Frank; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Harless; Harris; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hickland; Holt; Hopper; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lambert; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Longoria; Louderback; Lowe; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; Martinez; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Money; Moody; Morgan; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Phelan; Pierson; Raymond; Richardson; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Tepper; Tinderholt; Troxclair; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Virdell; Wharton; Wilson.

Absent — Allen; Anchía; Bernal; Bhojani; Bowers; Bryant; Bucy; Campos; Cole; Collier; Cortez; Davis, A.; Davis, Y.; Dutton; Flores; Gámez; García, J.; García, L.; García Hernandez; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Howard; Johnson; Jones, J.; Jones, V.; Lalani; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Manuel; Martinez Fischer; Meza; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Muñoz; Ordaz; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Plesa; Reynolds; Rodríguez Ramos; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Simmons; Talarico; Thompson; Toth; Turner; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wu; Zwiener.

STATEMENTS OF VOTE

When Record No. 6 was taken, I was temporarily out of the house chamber and could not be shown present.

Guillen and Muñoz

When Record No. 6 was taken, my vote failed to register and I could not be shown present.

J. Lopez

When Record No. 6 was taken, I was attending to urgent family matters within my district that required my full and undivided attention. These responsibilities had been scheduled in advance and could not be postponed.

E. Morales

(Guillen and Muñoz now present)

ADDRESS BY THE SPEAKER

Speaker Burrows addressed the house, speaking as follows:

Members, the house is now in session. The roll has been called, and a quorum has not been established.

Let me begin by commending the members who did show up—those who answered the call, honored their oath, and came here ready to work for the people of Texas.

Your presence speaks volumes. You understand that the issues before us—disaster recovery, fighting for the families who lost loved ones in the floods, human trafficking, and more—are not abstract policy debates. They are real-world problems demanding immediate solutions.

But instead of confronting those challenges, some of our colleagues have fled the state and their duty.

They've left the state, abandoned their posts, and turned their backs on the constituents they swore to represent. And they've shirked their responsibilities under the direction and pressure of out-of-state politicians and activists who don't know the first thing about what's right for Texas.

To be absolutely clear: leaving the state does not stop this house from doing its work. It only delays it. And every day this chamber is unable to act, the cost grows.

In response to this dereliction of duty, and pursuant to the Rules of the House, I am prepared to recognize a motion to place a call on the house and any other motions necessary to compel the return of absent members.

Should such a motion prevail, I will immediately sign the warrants for the civil arrest of these members.

As Speaker, I will do everything in my power to establish quorum and move this body forward—by any and all means available to this office.

To those who are absent: return now. Show the courage to face the issues you were elected to solve. Come back and fulfill your duty. Because this House will not sit quietly while you obstruct the work of the people.

The people of Texas are watching, and so is the nation. And if you choose to continue down this road, you should know there will be consequences.

The invocation was offered by Ron Joy, Texas Department of Public Safety, Leander.

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

CALL OF THE HOUSE ORDERED

Representative Geren moved a call of the house until consideration of **HB 4** on third reading is completed.

The motion was seconded by Representatives Curry, Frank, Barry, Morgan, McLaughlin, Button, Gerdes, Dean, Schofield, Landgraf, Tepper, Lambert, Bumgarner, Bonnen, Capriglione, Pierson, Smithee, Ashby, Patterson, Noble, Kerwin, Kitzman, Hickland, Leo Wilson, Wharton, K. Bell, Shaheen, Shofner, Troxclair, LaHood, Little, Holt, Vasut, Lowe, Hopper, Tinderholt, Schoolcraft, Richardson, Olcott, Cook, Oliverson, Harris Davila, Lujan, Cain, Luther, Orr, Slawson, Hayes, Swanson, Dorazio, Alders, Virdell, Money, Schatzline, Metcalf,

Hefner, King, Harless, Darby, McQueeney, Harrison, Isaac, Hull, Cunningham, Lozano, VanDeaver, Paul, Villalobos, Leach, Fairly, Dyson, Meyer, Wilson, C. Bell, Louderback, Buckley, Harris, Spiller, Hunter, Guillen, and J. Lopez.

The motion for a call of the house prevailed by (Record 7): 86 Yeas, 6 Nays, 0 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Mr. Speaker(C); Alders; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bonnen; Buckley; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Capriglione; Cook; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dyson; Fairly; Frank; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hickland; Holt; Hopper; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lambert; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Louderback; Lowe; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Money; Morgan; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Phelan; Pierson; Richardson; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Tepper; Tinderholt; Troxclair; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Virdell; Wharton; Wilson.

Nays — Canales; Longoria; Martinez; Moody; Muñoz; Raymond.

Absent — Allen; Anchía; Bernal; Bhojani; Bowers; Bryant; Bucy; Campos; Cole; Collier; Cortez; Davis, A.; Davis, Y.; Dutton; Flores; Gámez; Garcia, J.; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Howard; Johnson; Jones, J.; Jones, V.; Lalani; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Manuel; Martinez Fischer; Meza; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Ordaz; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Plesa; Reynolds; Rodríguez Ramos; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Simmons; Talarico; Thompson; Toth; Turner; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wu; Zwiener.

STATEMENT OF VOTE

When Record No. 7 was taken, my vote failed to register. I would have voted yes.

J. Lopez

Representative Geren moved to instruct the sergeant-at-arms, or officers appointed by her, to send for all absentees whose attendance is not excused for the purpose of securing and maintaining their attendance, under warrant of arrest if necessary, and that this order be continued beyond the adjournment of today's session and until the further order of the house.

The motion prevailed by (Record 8): 85 Yeas, 6 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bonnen; Buckley; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Capriglione; Cook; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dyson; Fairly; Frank; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hickland; Holt; Hopper; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lambert; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Louderback; Lowe; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Money; Morgan; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Phelan; Pierson; Richardson; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Tepper; Tinderholt; Troxclair; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Virdell; Wharton; Wilson.

Nays — Canales; Longoria; Martinez; Moody; Muñoz; Raymond.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent — Allen; Anchía; Bernal; Bhojani; Bowers; Bryant; Bucy; Campos; Cole; Collier; Cortez; Davis, A.; Davis, Y.; Dutton; Flores; Gámez; Garcia, J.; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Howard; Johnson; Jones, J.; Jones, V.; Lalani; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Manuel; Martinez Fischer; Meza; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Ordaz; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Plesa; Reynolds; Rodríguez Ramos; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Simmons; Talarico; Thompson; Toth; Turner; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wu; Zwiener.

STATEMENT OF VOTE

When Record No. 8 was taken, my vote failed to register. I would have voted yes.

J. Lopez

PERMISSION GRANTED BY SPEAKER

Pursuant to Rule 5, Section 8, of the House Rules, Speaker Burrows announced he was providing written permission, to be entered in the journal (see the addendum to the daily journal), for each representative registered as present during today's session to leave the hall of the house this day on the condition that the representative will be available for immediate return to the hall of the house at the direction of the speaker and will, in any event, return to the hall of the house at 1 p.m. Tuesday, August 5.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Geren moved that the house adjourn until 1 p.m. tomorrow.

The motion prevailed.

(J. Lopez now present)

The house accordingly, at 3:08 p.m., adjourned until 1 p.m. tomorrow.

ADDENDUM

Speaker Burrows submitted the following for inclusion in the journal:

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August 4, 2025

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/s/Dustin Burrows
Speaker of the House of Representatives

APPENDIX

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Favorable reports have been filed by committees as follows:

August 2

Congressional Redistricting, Select - **HB 4**

