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## THIRTY-SEVENTH DAY

(Tuesday, April 9, 2013)

The Senate met at 11:09 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by President Pro Tempore Van de Putte.

The roll was called and the following Senators were present: Birdwell, Campbell, Carona, Davis, Deuell, Duncan, Ellis, Eltife, Estes, Fraser, Garcia, Hancock, Hegar, Hinojosa, Huffman, Lucio, Nelson, Nichols, Patrick, Paxton, Rodríguez, Schwertner, Seliger, Taylor, Uresti, Van de Putte, Watson, West, Whitmire, Williams, Zaffirini.

The President Pro Tempore announced that a quorum of the Senate was present.

Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, offered the invocation as follows:

Lord God, heavenly Father, we humbly invoke Your assistance over this legislative assembly and over each of its Members. We ask that the deliberations of the Senate of the State of Texas be imbued with a spirit of right judgment and wisdom and that the decisions made here reflect a selfless and disinterested concern for the public good. May each Senator act with generous concern for the good of all who dwell here, and may their votes be a reflection of a good and clear conscience. May they take to heart how their exercise of political judgment will affect the lives of the children, women, and men who form the communities, great and small, that make up the State of Texas. May they find the courage to stand up and protect the poor and vulnerable from falling prey to exploitation by predatory actors. O Lord, bless all of us in this state to take up generously our responsibilities to one another, that ours may be a peaceable reflection of that kingdom of justice, compassion, and peace, which though not yet come to fulfillment is yet destined by Your grace, to renew the face of the Earth. In our Lord's name we pray. Amen.

Senator Whitmire moved that the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day be dispensed with and the Journal be approved as printed.

The motion prevailed without objection.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 627**

Senator Lucio offered the following resolution:

**SR 627**, Recognizing April 9, 2013, as Catholic Faith in Action Advocacy Day.

The resolution was read and was adopted without objection.

**GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator Lucio was recognized and introduced to the Senate His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, accompanied by Bishops: Patrick J. Zurek, Diocese of Amarillo; Joe Vasquez, Diocese of Austin; Michael D. Pfeifer, Diocese of San Angelo; Daniel Flores, Diocese of Brownville; George A. Sheltz, Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston; Placido Rodriguez, Diocese of Lubbock; and Curtis Guillory, Diocese of Beaumont.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

**GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator Patrick was recognized and introduced to the Senate a delegation of students from the Rainard School in Houston.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

**PHYSICIAN OF THE DAY**

Senator Paxton was recognized and presented Dr. N. Christopher Lawrence of McKinney as the Physician of the Day.

The Senate welcomed Dr. Lawrence and thanked him for his participation in the Physician of the Day program sponsored by the Texas Academy of Family Physicians.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 531**

Senator Williams offered the following resolution:

**SR 531**, Recognizing The John Cooper School on the occasion of its 25th anniversary.

The resolution was again read.

The resolution was previously adopted on Monday, March 25, 2013.

**GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator Williams was recognized and introduced to the Senate a delegation from The John Cooper School, accompanied by Joe Broccoli, Assistant Head of School and Head of Upper School; Deb Spiess, Director of Marketing and Communications; and Jennifer Guza, Alumni Coordinator.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 608**

Senator Hinojosa offered the following resolution:

**SR 608**, Welcoming Mariela Hernandez, 2012 queen of Feria de Las Flores, and contestants of the 2013 scholarship pageant.

The resolution was read and was adopted without objection.

**GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator Hinojosa was recognized and introduced to the Senate the 2012 Feria de Las Flores queen, Mariela Hernandez, and contestants of the 2013 scholarship pageant.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

**GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator Watson was recognized and introduced to the Senate fourth-grade students from the Austin Jewish Academy.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 591**

Senator Birdwell offered the following resolution:

**SR 591**, In memory of Chad Hutson Littlefield.

On motion of Senator Birdwell, the resolution was read and was adopted by a rising vote of the Senate.

In honor of the memory of Chad Hutson Littlefield, the text of the resolution is printed at the end of today's *Senate Journal*.

Senator Birdwell was recognized and introduced to the Senate family members of Chad Littlefield: Leanne Littlefield, wife; Judy Littlefield, mother; Don Littlefield, father; and Jerry Richardson, brother.

The Senate welcomed its guests and extended its sympathy.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 622**

Senator Zaffirini offered the following resolution:

**SR 622**, Recognizing April 9, 2013, as Blue Ribbon Lobby Day.

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The resolution was read and was adopted without objection.

**GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator Zaffirini was recognized and introduced to the Senate a delegation representing Blue Ribbon Lobby Day, accompanied by Diane Mosier, ROADwomen President; Choco Meza, Bexar County Democratic Women; Donna Beth McCormick, Texas Democratic Women President; Cynthia Hinojosa, Cameron County Democratic Women; and Fredericka Petry Phillips, Fort Bend Democratic Women President.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

(President in Chair)

**SENATE RESOLUTION 619**

Senator Carona offered the following resolution:

**SR 619**, Recognizing April 9, 2013, as Texas Realtor Appreciation Day.

The resolution was read and was adopted without objection.

**GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator Carona was recognized and introduced to the Senate a Texas Association of Realtors delegation, accompanied by Shad Bogany, Chair, Board of Directors; Dan Hatfield, Chair-elect; Scott Kesner, Secretary and Treasurer; Leslie Rouda-Smith, Secretary and Treasurer-elect; and Joe Stewart, Immediate Past President.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

**GUEST PRESENTED**

Senator Van de Putte was recognized and introduced to the Senate her brother, Roland San Miguel.

The Senate welcomed its guest.

(Senator Eltife in Chair)

**GUEST PRESENTED**

Senator Hinojosa was recognized and introduced to the Senate Angelica Hernandez, Judge of the 105th District Court.

The Senate welcomed its guest.

**INTRODUCTION OF  
BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS POSTPONED**

The Presiding Officer announced that the introduction of bills and resolutions on first reading would be postponed until the end of today's session.

There was no objection.

**CONCLUSION OF MORNING CALL**

The Presiding Officer at 12:03 p.m. announced the conclusion of morning call.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
SENATE BILL 1115 ON SECOND READING**

Senator Whitmire moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 1115** at this time on its second reading:

**CSSB 1115**, Relating to reporting, standards, restrictions, and requirements regarding public school disciplinary actions.

The motion prevailed.

Senators Hancock and Nichols asked to be recorded as voting "Nay" on suspension of the regular order of business.

The bill was read second time.

Senator Whitmire offered the following amendment to the bill:

**Floor Amendment No. 1**

Amend **CSSB 1115** (senate committee printing) as follows:

(1) In SECTION 4 of the bill, in added Section 37.0201(b), Education Code (page 2, line 58), strike "evaluate" and substitute "review".

(2) In SECTION 4 of the bill, in added Section 37.0202, Education Code (page 3, line 27), strike "(a)".

(3) In SECTION 4 of the bill, strike added Section 37.0202(b), Education Code (page 3, lines 40-48).

The amendment to **CSSB 1115** was read and was adopted by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1.

On motion of Senator Whitmire and by unanimous consent, the caption was amended to conform to the body of the bill as amended.

**CSSB 1115** as amended was passed to engrossment by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to engrossment except as follows:

Nays: Hancock, Hegar, Nichols.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
SENATE BILL 1115 ON THIRD READING**

Senator Whitmire moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **CSSB 1115** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 2.

Yeas: Birdwell, Campbell, Carona, Davis, Deuell, Duncan, Ellis, Eltife, Estes, Fraser, Garcia, Hegar, Hinojosa, Huffman, Lucio, Nelson, Patrick, Paxton, Rodríguez, Schwertner, Seliger, Taylor, Uresti, Van de Putte, Watson, West, Whitmire, Williams, Zaffirini.

Nays: Hancock, Nichols.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 3.

Yeas: Birdwell, Campbell, Carona, Davis, Deuell, Duncan, Ellis, Eltife, Estes, Fraser, Garcia, Hinojosa, Huffman, Lucio, Nelson, Patrick, Paxton, Rodríguez, Schwertner, Seliger, Taylor, Uresti, Van de Putte, Watson, West, Whitmire, Williams, Zaffirini.

Nays: Hancock, Hegar, Nichols.

**SENATE BILL 427 ON SECOND READING**

On motion of Senator Nelson and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **SB 427** at this time on its second reading:

**SB 427**, Relating to the regulation of certain child-care facilities and administrators of those facilities.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to engrossment.

#### **SENATE BILL 427 ON THIRD READING**

Senator Nelson moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **SB 427** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

#### **COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 1538 ON SECOND READING**

On motion of Senator Van de Putte and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **CSSB 1538** at this time on its second reading:

**CSSB 1538**, Relating to evaluating the performance, including computing dropout and completion rates, of public schools designated as dropout recovery schools.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to engrossment.

#### **COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 1538 ON THIRD READING**

Senator Van de Putte moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **CSSB 1538** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

#### **COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 449 ON SECOND READING**

Senator Hinojosa moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 449** at this time on its second reading:

**CSSB 449**, Relating to a prohibition on the issuance of certain capital appreciation bonds by local governments.

The motion prevailed by the following vote by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 3.

Yeas: Birdwell, Campbell, Carona, Davis, Deuell, Duncan, Ellis, Eltife, Estes, Fraser, Garcia, Hancock, Hegar, Hinojosa, Huffman, Nelson, Nichols, Patrick, Paxton, Rodríguez, Schwertner, Seliger, Taylor, Uresti, West, Whitmire, Williams, Zaffirini.

Nays: Lucio, Van de Putte, Watson.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to engrossment except as follows:

Nays: Lucio, Van de Putte, Watson.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
SENATE BILL 449 ON THIRD READING**

Senator Hinojosa moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **CSSB 449** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 3.

Yeas: Birdwell, Campbell, Carona, Davis, Deuell, Duncan, Ellis, Eltife, Estes, Fraser, Garcia, Hancock, Hegar, Hinojosa, Huffman, Nelson, Nichols, Patrick, Paxton, Rodríguez, Schwertner, Seliger, Taylor, Uresti, West, Whitmire, Williams, Zaffirini.

Nays: Lucio, Van de Putte, Watson.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 3. (Same as previous roll call)

**GUEST PRESENTED**

Senator Zaffirini was recognized and introduced to the Senate 17 fifth-grade students from the Boys & Girls Club of South Central Texas, accompanied by their sponsors, Chelsea Bright and Carlton Fairley.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

**GUESTS PRESENTED**

Senator Campbell was recognized and introduced to the Senate a Jarvis Christian College delegation.

The Senate welcomed its guests.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
SENATE BILL 121 ON THIRD READING**

On motion of Senator Rodríguez and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **CSSB 121** at this time on its third reading and final passage:

**CSSB 121**, Relating to prohibited retaliation against certain state or local public employees for reporting to certain persons violations of law.

The bill was read third time.

Senator Duncan offered the following amendment to the bill:

**Floor Amendment No. 1 on Third Reading**

Amend **CSSB 121** on third reading as follows:

(1) In the recital to SECTION 1 of the bill (page 1, line 22), strike "Subsection (a-1)" and substitute "Subsections (a-1) and (a-2)".

(2) In SECTION 1 of the bill, after added Section 554.002(a-1), Government Code (page 1, between lines 37 and 38), insert the following:

(a-2) Subsection (a-1) does not prohibit a school district or a public school to which that subsection applies from suspending or terminating the employment of, or taking other adverse personnel action against, a district or school employee who makes a good faith report under Subsection (a-1) for a reason other than one directly or indirectly related to the report.

The amendment to **CSSB 121** was read and was adopted by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 on Third Reading.

On motion of Senator Rodríguez and by unanimous consent, the caption was amended to conform to the body of the bill as amended.

**CSSB 121** as amended was finally passed by the following vote: Yeas 25, Nays 6.

Yeas: Campbell, Carona, Davis, Deuell, Duncan, Ellis, Eltife, Estes, Garcia, Hinojosa, Huffman, Lucio, Nichols, Paxton, Rodríguez, Schwertner, Seliger, Taylor, Uresti, Van de Putte, Watson, West, Whitmire, Williams, Zaffirini.

Nays: Birdwell, Fraser, Hancock, Hegar, Nelson, Patrick.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
SENATE BILL 1803 ON SECOND READING**

On motion of Senator Huffman and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **CSSB 1803** at this time on its second reading:

**CSSB 1803**, Relating to the office of inspector general of the Health and Human Services Commission.

The bill was read second time.

Senator Huffman offered the following amendment to the bill:

**Floor Amendment No. 1**

Amend **CSSB 1803** (senate committee report) as follows:

(1) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 531.1011(3), Government Code (page 1, line 45), strike "Chapter 36, Human Resources Code, or".

(2) In the recital to SECTION 2 of the bill (page 2, line 18), strike "Subsection (g) and adding Subsections (l) and (m)" and substitute "Subsections (f) and (g) and adding Subsections (l), (m), and (n)".

(3) In SECTION 2 of the bill, immediately following the recital (page 2, between lines 19 and 20), insert the following:



(f)(1) If the commission receives a complaint of Medicaid fraud or abuse from any source, the office must conduct a preliminary investigation [~~an integrity review~~] to determine whether there is a sufficient basis to warrant a full investigation. A preliminary investigation [~~An integrity review~~] must begin not later than the 30th day after the date the commission receives a complaint or has reason to believe that fraud or abuse has occurred. A preliminary investigation [~~An integrity review~~] shall be completed not later than the 90th day after it began.

(2) If the findings of a preliminary investigation [~~an integrity review~~] give the office reason to believe that an incident of fraud or abuse involving possible criminal conduct has occurred in the Medicaid program, the office must take the following action, as appropriate, not later than the 30th day after the completion of the preliminary investigation [~~integrity review~~]:

(A) if a provider is suspected of fraud or abuse involving criminal conduct, the office must refer the case to the state's Medicaid fraud control unit, provided that the criminal referral does not preclude the office from continuing its investigation of the provider, which investigation may lead to the imposition of appropriate administrative or civil sanctions; or

(B) if there is reason to believe that a recipient has defrauded the Medicaid program, the office may conduct a full investigation of the suspected fraud.

(4) In SECTION 2 of the bill, in amended Section 531.102(g)(2), Government Code (page 2, line 28), strike "may [~~shall~~]" and substitute "shall".

(5) In SECTION 2 of the bill, in amended Section 531.102(g)(2), Government Code (page 2, line 29), strike "hold on payment of" and substitute "payment hold on [~~payment of~~]".

(6) In SECTION 2 of the bill, in amended Section 531.102(g)(2), Government Code (page 2, lines 36 and 37), strike "hold on payment" and substitute "payment hold [~~on payment~~]".

(7) In SECTION 2 of the bill, in amended Section 531.102(g)(2), Government Code (page 2, line 38), strike "Notwithstanding" and substitute "In addition to".

(8) In SECTION 2 of the bill, in added Section 531.102(g)(2)(A), Government Code (page 2, lines 41 and 42), strike ", if available,".

(9) In SECTION 2 of the bill, in added Section 531.102(g)(2)(A), Government Code (page 2, line 43), between "investigation" and the underlined semicolon, insert "and a representative sample of any documents that form the basis of the hold".

(10) In SECTION 2 of the bill, in amended Section 531.102(g)(3), Government Code (page 2, line 48), strike "hold on payment" and substitute "payment hold [~~on payment~~]".

(11) In SECTION 2 of the bill, in amended Section 531.102(g)(3), Government Code (page 2, line 53), strike "10th" and substitute "30th [~~10th~~]".

(12) In SECTION 2 of the bill, at the end of amended Section 531.102(g)(3), Government Code (page 2, line 65), add the following:

The executive commissioner and the State Office of Administrative Hearings shall jointly adopt rules that require a provider, before a hearing, to advance security for the costs for which the provider is responsible under this subdivision.

(13) In SECTION 2 of the bill, in amended Section 531.102(g)(4), Government Code (page 2, line 67), strike "hold on payment" and substitute "payment hold".

(14) In SECTION 2 of the bill, strike added Section 531.102(g)(5), Government Code (page 3, lines 2 through 32), and substitute the following:

(5) The executive commissioner [~~commissioner~~] shall adopt rules that allow a provider subject to a [~~hold on~~] payment hold under Subdivision (2), other than a hold requested by the state's Medicaid fraud control unit, to seek an initial informal resolution of the issues identified by the office in the notice provided under that subdivision. A provider must request [~~seek~~] an initial informal resolution meeting under this subdivision not later than the deadline prescribed by Subdivision (3). On receipt of a timely request, the office shall schedule an initial informal resolution meeting not later than the 60th day after the date the office receives the request from the provider, but the office shall schedule the meeting on a later date as determined by the office if requested by the provider. The office shall give notice to the provider of the time and place of the initial informal resolution meeting not later than the 30th day before the date the initial informal resolution meeting is to be held. A provider may request a second informal resolution meeting not later than the 20th day after the date of the initial informal resolution meeting. On receipt of a timely request, the office shall schedule a second informal resolution meeting not later than the 45th day after the date the office receives the request from the provider, but the office shall schedule the meeting on a later date as determined by the office if requested by the provider. The office shall give notice to the provider of the time and place of the second informal resolution meeting not later than the 20th day before the date the second informal resolution meeting is to be held. A provider shall have an opportunity to provide additional information before the second informal resolution meeting for consideration by the office. A provider's decision to seek an informal resolution under this subdivision does not extend the time by which the provider must request an expedited administrative hearing under Subdivision (3). However, a hearing initiated under Subdivision (3) shall be stayed [~~at the office's request~~] until the informal resolution process is completed.

(15) In SECTION 2 of the bill, in added Section 531.102(g)(6), Government Code (page 3, line 35), strike "holds on payment" and insert "payment holds [~~on payment~~]".

(16) In SECTION 2 of the bill, in added Section 531.102(l), Government Code (page 3, line 40), between "Board" and the underlined period, insert ", and who preferably has significant knowledge of the Medicaid program".

(17) In SECTION 2 of the bill, in added Section 531.102(l), Government Code (page 3, line 42), between "of" and "care", insert "medical".

(18) In SECTION 2 of the bill, in added Section 531.102(m), Government Code (page 3, line 46), strike "(m) The" and substitute the following:

(m) The office shall employ a dental director who is a licensed dentist under Subtitle D, Title 3, Occupations Code, and the rules adopted under that subtitle by the State Board of Dental Examiners, and who preferably has significant knowledge of the Medicaid program. The dental director shall ensure that any investigative findings based on the necessity of dental services or the quality of dental care have been reviewed by a qualified expert as described by the Texas Rules of Evidence before the office imposes a payment hold or seeks recoupment of an overpayment, damages, or penalties.

(n) To the extent permitted under federal law, the

(19) In the recital to SECTION 3 of the bill (page 3, line 55), strike "and 531.1201" and substitute "531.1201, and 531.1202".

(20) In SECTION 3 of the bill, in the heading to added Section 531.118, Government Code (page 3, line 57), strike "INTEGRITY REVIEWS OF ALLEGATIONS OF FRAUD" and substitute "PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIONS OF ALLEGATIONS OF FRAUD OR ABUSE".

(21) In SECTION 3 of the bill, in added Section 531.118(a), Government Code (page 3, line 59), between "fraud" and "against", insert "or abuse".

(22) In SECTION 3 of the bill, in added Section 531.118(a), Government Code (page 3, line 60), between "fraud" and "was", insert "or abuse".

(23) In SECTION 3 of the bill, strike added Section 531.118(b), Government Code (page 3, lines 63 through 69), and substitute the following:

(b) If the commission receives an allegation of fraud or abuse against a Medicaid provider from any source, the office must conduct a preliminary investigation of each allegation of fraud or abuse to determine whether there is sufficient basis to warrant a full investigation. A preliminary investigation must begin not later than the 30th day after the date the commission receives or identifies an allegation of fraud or abuse.

(24) In SECTION 3 of the bill, in added Section 531.118(c), Government Code (page 4, line 1), strike "An integrity review" and substitute "A preliminary investigation".

(25) In SECTION 3 of the bill, in added Section 531.118(d), Government Code (page 4, line 13), between "completed" and the underlined period, insert ", or until the Medicaid fraud control unit, other law enforcement agency, or other prosecuting authorities determine that there is insufficient evidence of fraud by the provider".

(26) In SECTION 3 of the bill, in added Section 531.119, Government Code (page 4, line 28), strike "description, in plain English, of the" and substitute "description in plain English of, and a video explaining, the".

(27) In SECTION 3 of the bill, in added Section 531.119, Government Code (page 4, line 30), strike "hold on a payment to" and substitute "payment hold on".

(28) In SECTION 3 of the bill, in added Section 531.120(a), Government Code (page 4, lines 37 and 38), strike "if available," and substitute "a representative sample of any documents that form the basis of the overpayment,".

(29) In SECTION 3 of the bill, in added Section 531.120(a), Government Code (page 4, line 38), strike "the calculation of" and substitute "calculation of the".

(30) In SECTION 3 of the bill, in added Section 531.120(a), Government Code (page 4, line 41), strike "an informal review" and substitute "the provider's right to request informal resolution meetings under this section".

(31) In SECTION 3 of the bill, strike added Section 531.120(b), Government Code (page 4, lines 43 through 63), and substitute the following:

(b) A provider must request an initial informal resolution meeting under this section not later than the 30th day after the date the provider receives notice under Subsection (a). On receipt of a timely request, the office shall schedule an initial informal resolution meeting not later than the 60th day after the date the office receives the request from the provider, but the office shall schedule the meeting on a

later date as determined by the office if requested by the provider. The office shall give notice to the provider of the time and place of the initial informal resolution meeting not later than the 30th day before the date the initial informal resolution meeting is to be held. A provider may request a second informal resolution meeting not later than the 20th day after the date of the initial informal resolution meeting. On receipt of a timely request, the office shall schedule a second informal resolution meeting not later than the 45th day after the date the office receives the request from the provider, but the office shall schedule the meeting on a later date as determined by the office if requested by the provider. The office shall give notice to the provider of the time and place of the second informal resolution meeting not later than the 20th day before the date the second informal resolution meeting is to be held. A provider shall have an opportunity to provide additional information before the second informal resolution meeting for consideration by the office.

(32) In SECTION 3 of the bill, in added Section 531.1201(a), Government Code (page 4, line 67), strike "receives notice under Section 531.120(a)" and substitute "is notified that the commission or the commission's office of inspector general will seek to recover an overpayment or debt from the provider".

(33) In SECTION 3 of the bill, at the end of added Section 531.1201(a), Government Code (page 5, line 20), add the following:  
The executive commissioner and the State Office of Administrative Hearings shall jointly adopt rules that require a provider, before a hearing, to advance security for the costs for which the provider is responsible under this subsection.

(34) In SECTION 3 of the bill, immediately following added Section 531.1201, Government Code (page 5, between lines 25 and 26), add the following:

Sec. 531.1202. PRESENCE OF NEUTRAL THIRD PARTY AT INFORMAL RESOLUTION MEETINGS. The commission shall employ a person whose salary is paid by the commission and who is independent of the commission's office of inspector general to attend the informal resolution meetings held under Sections 531.102(g)(5) and 531.120(b) as a neutral third-party observer. The person shall report to the executive commissioner on the proceedings and outcome of each informal resolution meeting.

(35) In SECTION 4 of the bill, in amended Section 32.0291(b), Human Resources Code (page 5, line 38), strike "payment of" and substitute "[payment of]".

The amendment to **CSSB 1803** was read and was adopted by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1.

Senator Hinojosa offered the following amendment to the bill:

#### **Floor Amendment No. 2**

Amend **CSSB 1803** (senate committee report), as follows:

(1) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in amended Section 531.1011, Government Code (page 1, between lines 40 and 41), immediately following Subdivision (2) of the section, insert the following:

(3) "Credible allegation of fraud" means an allegation of fraud that has been verified by the state. An allegation is considered to be credible when the commission has:

(A) verified that the allegation has indicia of reliability; and

(B) reviewed all allegations, facts, and evidence carefully and acts judiciously on a case-by-case basis.

(2) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in amended Section 531.1011, Government Code (page 1, line 41), strike "(3)" and substitute "(4)".

(3) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in amended Section 531.1011, Government Code (page 1, line 47), strike "(4)" and substitute "(5)".

(4) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in amended Section 531.1011, Government Code (page 1, line 53), strike "(5)" and substitute "(6)".

(5) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in amended Section 531.1011, Government Code (page 1, line 56), strike "(6)" and substitute "(7)".

(6) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in amended Section 531.1011, Government Code (page 2, line 3), strike "(7)" and substitute "(8)".

(7) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in amended Section 531.1011, Government Code (page 2, line 6), strike "(8)" and substitute "(9)".

(8) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in amended Section 531.1011, Government Code (page 2, line 10), strike "(9)" and substitute "(10)".

The amendment to **CSSB 1803** was read and was adopted by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 2.

On motion of Senator Huffman and by unanimous consent, the caption was amended to conform to the body of the bill as amended.

**CSSB 1803** as amended was passed to engrossment by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to engrossment.

### COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 1803 ON THIRD READING

Senator Huffman moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **CSSB 1803** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

(President in Chair)

### COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 1367 ON SECOND READING

On motion of Senator Duncan and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **CSSB 1367** at this time on its second reading:

**CSSB 1367**, Relating to abolishing the Texas Health Insurance Pool.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to engrossment.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
SENATE BILL 1367 ON THIRD READING**

Senator Duncan moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **CSSB 1367** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
SENATE BILL 966 ON SECOND READING**

Senator West moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 966** at this time on its second reading:

**CSSB 966**, Relating to creation of the Judicial Branch Certification Commission and the consolidation of judicial profession regulation; imposing penalties; authorizing fees.

The motion prevailed.

Senators Nelson and Nichols asked to be recorded as voting "Nay" on suspension of the regular order of business.

The bill was read second time.

Senator Birdwell offered the following amendment to the bill:

**Floor Amendment No. 1**

Amend **CSSB 966** in SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 152.001, Government Code (Committee printing page 1, line 49), by striking "2025 and every 12th year after 2025" and substituting "2019 and every 12th year after 2019".

The amendment to **CSSB 966** was read and was adopted by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1.

On motion of Senator West and by unanimous consent, the caption was amended to conform to the body of the bill as amended.

**CSSB 966** as amended was passed to engrossment by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to engrossment except as follows:

Nays: Nelson, Nichols.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
SENATE BILL 966 ON THIRD READING**

Senator West moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **CSSB 966** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 2.

Yeas: Birdwell, Campbell, Carona, Davis, Deuell, Duncan, Ellis, Eltife, Estes, Fraser, Garcia, Hancock, Hegar, Hinojosa, Huffman, Lucio, Patrick, Paxton, Rodríguez, Schwertner, Seliger, Taylor, Uresti, Van de Putte, Watson, West, Whitmire, Williams, Zaffirini.

Nays: Nelson, Nichols.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 2. (Same as previous roll call)

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
SENATE BILL 291 ON SECOND READING**

On motion of Senator Nelson and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **CSSB 291** at this time on its second reading:

**CSSB 291**, Relating to notice requirements for gas utilities entering certain real property; providing an administrative penalty.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to engrossment.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
SENATE BILL 291 ON THIRD READING**

Senator Nelson moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **CSSB 291** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

**SENATE BILL 1467 ON SECOND READING**

Senator Estes moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **SB 1467** at this time on its second reading:

**SB 1467**, Relating to economic development incentives for firearms manufacturers, firearms accessory manufacturers, and ammunition manufacturers.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 23, Nays 8.

Yeas: Campbell, Carona, Davis, Deuell, Duncan, Eltife, Estes, Fraser, Hancock, Hegar, Hinojosa, Huffman, Lucio, Nelson, Nichols, Patrick, Paxton, Schwertner, Seliger, Taylor, Whitmire, Williams, Zaffirini.

Nays: Birdwell, Ellis, Garcia, Rodríguez, Uresti, Van de Putte, Watson, West.

The bill was read second time.

Senator Williams offered the following amendment to the bill:

**Floor Amendment No. 1**

Amend **SB 1467** (Senate Committee Printing) as follows:

(1) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in proposed Section 481.0297(b), Government Code (page 1, line 35), strike "shall" and substitute "may".

The amendment to **SB 1467** was read and was adopted by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1.

On motion of Senator Estes and by unanimous consent, the caption was amended to conform to the body of the bill as amended.

**SB 1467** as amended was passed to engrossment by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to engrossment except as follows:

Nays: Birdwell, Ellis, Garcia, Rodríguez, Uresti, Watson, West.

**SENATE BILL 1530 ON SECOND READING**

Senator Seliger moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **SB 1530** at this time on its second reading:

**SB 1530**, Relating to the admission of undergraduate students to public institutions of higher education.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 25, Nays 6.

Yeas: Birdwell, Campbell, Davis, Deuell, Duncan, Ellis, Eltife, Estes, Fraser, Hancock, Hegar, Hinojosa, Nelson, Nichols, Patrick, Paxton, Rodríguez, Schwertner, Seliger, Taylor, Uresti, Watson, West, Whitmire, Zaffirini.

Nays: Carona, Garcia, Huffman, Lucio, Van de Putte, Williams.

The bill was read second time.

Senator Garcia offered the following amendment to the bill:

**Floor Amendment No. 1**

Amend **SB 1530** (senate committee printing) as follows:

(1) In the recital to SECTION 1 of the bill (page 1, lines 20 and 21), strike "Subsections (a-3) and (k), Section 51.803, Education Code, are amended to read as follows" and substitute "Section 51.803, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a-3) and (k) and adding Subsection (k-1) to read as follows:".



(2) At the end of SECTION 1 of the bill, immediately following amended Section 51.803(k), Education Code (page 1, between lines 43 and 44), insert the following:

(k-1) If, on the date of The University of Texas at Austin's general deadline for applications for admission of first-time undergraduate students for an academic year, federal law as then interpreted by applicable judicial decisions prohibits the institution from considering an applicant's race or ethnicity as a factor in the institution's decisions relating to first-time undergraduate admissions:

(1) the percentage of the institution's designated enrollment capacity for those students that authorizes the institution to elect to offer admission as provided by Subsection (a-1) for that academic year is 80 percent rather than 75 percent; and

(2) the percentage of the institution's designated enrollment capacity for first-time resident undergraduate students that must be offered admission for that academic year according to high school grade point average under Subsection (a-1) is 80 percent rather than 75 percent.

The amendment to **SB 1530** was read.

Senator Garcia withdrew Floor Amendment No. 1.

**SB 1530** was passed to engrossment by the following vote: Yeas 25, Nays 6.

Yeas: Birdwell, Campbell, Davis, Deuell, Duncan, Ellis, Eltife, Estes, Fraser, Hancock, Hegar, Hinojosa, Nelson, Nichols, Patrick, Paxton, Rodriguez, Schwertner, Seliger, Taylor, Uresti, Watson, West, Whitmire, Zaffirini.

Nays: Carona, Garcia, Huffman, Lucio, Van de Putte, Williams.

### **SENATE BILL 1530 ON THIRD READING**

Senator Seliger moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **SB 1530** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 25, Nays 6.

Yeas: Birdwell, Campbell, Davis, Deuell, Duncan, Ellis, Eltife, Estes, Fraser, Hancock, Hegar, Hinojosa, Nelson, Nichols, Patrick, Paxton, Rodriguez, Schwertner, Seliger, Taylor, Uresti, Watson, West, Whitmire, Zaffirini.

Nays: Carona, Garcia, Huffman, Lucio, Van de Putte, Williams.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 25, Nays 6. (Same as previous roll call)

### **COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 552 ON SECOND READING**

On motion of Senator Uresti and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **CSSB 552** at this time on its second reading:

**CSSB 552**, Relating to an application filed with a county commissioners court to revise a subdivision plat; authorizing a fee.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to engrossment.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
SENATE BILL 552 ON THIRD READING**

Senator Uresti moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **CSSB 552** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
SENATE BILL 953 ON SECOND READING**

On motion of Senator Carona and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **CSSB 953** at this time on its second reading:

**CSSB 953**, Relating to the adoption of the Uniform Trade Secrets Act.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to engrossment.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
SENATE BILL 953 ON THIRD READING**

Senator Carona moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **CSSB 953** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

**SENATE BILL 547 ON SECOND READING**

On motion of Senator Hancock and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **SB 547** at this time on its second reading:

**SB 547**, Relating to the applicability of certain laws to open-enrollment charter schools.

The bill was read second time.

Senator Hancock offered the following amendment to the bill:

**Floor Amendment No. 1**

Amend **SB 547** (senate committee printing) as follows:

(1) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 12.1056(b), Education Code (page 1, line 33), strike "as defined by Section 101.001" and substitute "for purposes of Chapter 101".

(2) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 12.1056(b), Education Code (page 1, lines 34 and 35), strike "Chapter 101, Civil Practice and Remedies Code," and substitute "that chapter".

(3) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 12.1056(c), Education Code (page 1, line 38), strike "as defined by Section 102.001" and substitute "for purposes of Chapter 102".

(4) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 12.1056(c), Education Code (page 1, lines 39 and 40), strike "Chapter 102, Civil Practice and Remedies Code" and substitute "that chapter".

(5) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 12.1056(d), Education Code (page 1, line 42), strike "as defined by Section 271.151" and substitute "for purposes of Subchapter I, Chapter 271".

(6) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 12.1056(d), Education Code (page 1, line 44), strike "Subchapter I, Chapter 271, Local Government Code," and substitute "that subchapter".

The amendment to **SB 547** was read and was adopted by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1.

On motion of Senator Hancock and by unanimous consent, the caption was amended to conform to the body of the bill as amended.

**SB 547** as amended was passed to engrossment by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to engrossment.

**SENATE BILL 547 ON THIRD READING**

Senator Hancock moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **SB 547** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

**MOTION TO PLACE  
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
SENATE BILL 1437 ON SECOND READING**

Senator Paxton moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 1437** at this time on its second reading:

**CSSB 1437**, Relating to authorizing certain persons to file documents electronically for recording with a county clerk.

The motion was lost by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 21.

Yeas: Campbell, Estes, Garcia, Hancock, Hegar, Paxton, Rodríguez, Schwertner, Zaffirini.

Nays: Birdwell, Carona, Davis, Deuell, Duncan, Ellis, Eltife, Fraser, Hinojosa, Huffman, Lucio, Nelson, Nichols, Patrick, Seliger, Uresti, Van de Putte, Watson, West, Whitmire, Williams.

Absent: Taylor.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
SENATE BILL 1437 ON SECOND READING**

On motion of Senator Paxton and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration **CSSB 1437** at this time on its second reading:

**CSSB 1437**, Relating to authorizing certain persons to file documents electronically for recording with a county clerk.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment by a viva voce vote.

All Members are deemed to have voted "Yea" on the passage to engrossment.

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
SENATE BILL 1437 ON THIRD READING**

Senator Paxton moved that Senate Rule 7.18 and the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **CSSB 1437** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

**SENATE RULE 7.07(b) SUSPENDED  
(Permission to Introduce)  
(Motion In Writing)**

On motion of Senator Whitmire and by unanimous consent, Senate Rule 7.07(b) was suspended to permit the introduction of the following bills:

**SB 1879, SB 1881, SB 1882.**

**SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING**

The following bills were introduced, read first time, and referred to the committees indicated:

**SB 1879** by Eltife  
Relating to the powers of the TexAmericas Center.  
To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

**SB 1880** by Eltife

Relating to the County Court at Law of Lamar County.  
To Committee on Jurisprudence.

**SB 1881** by Nichols

Relating to the composition of the 12th and 369th Judicial Districts, the redesignation of the district attorney for the 12th Judicial District as the district attorney for the 369th Judicial District, and the composition of the Leon County juvenile board.  
To Committee on Jurisprudence.

**SB 1882** by Zaffirini

Relating to information for legislative purposes requested under the Texas Public Information Act.  
To Committee on Open Government.

**SB 1883** by Schwertner

Relating to the creation of the Leander TODD Municipal Utility District No. 1 of Williamson County; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds; granting a limited power of eminent domain.  
To Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

**HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING**

The following bills received from the House were read first time and referred to the committees indicated:

**HB 144** to Committee on Criminal Justice.

**HB 174** to Committee on Administration.

**HB 222** to Committee on Education.

**HB 241** to Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

**HB 242** to Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

**HB 281** to Committee on Criminal Justice.

**HB 402** to Committee on Veteran Affairs and Military Installations.

**HB 419** to Committee on Administration.

**HB 597** to Committee on Agriculture, Rural Affairs and Homeland Security.

**HB 1186** to Committee on State Affairs.

**HB 1187** to Committee on State Affairs.

**HB 1241** to Committee on Agriculture, Rural Affairs and Homeland Security.

**HB 1493** to Committee on Agriculture, Rural Affairs and Homeland Security.

**HB 2377** to Committee on Administration.

**SENATE RULES SUSPENDED****(Posting Rules)**

On motion of Senator Fraser and by unanimous consent, Senate Rule 11.10(a) and Senate Rule 11.18(a) were suspended in order that the Committee on Natural Resources might meet and consider **SB 1876** today.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Senator Hegar submitted the following report from the Committee on Nominations:

We, your Committee on Nominations, to which were referred the following appointments, have had same under consideration and report them back to the Senate with a recommendation that they be confirmed:

Members, Oversight Committee, Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas: Angelos G. Angelou, Travis County; Arthur Gerald Geistweidt, Mason County.

Members, Credit Union Commission: Allyson Morrow, Cameron County; Barbara Kay Stewart, Morris County; Vik Vad, Travis County.

Members, Board of Directors, Rio Grande Regional Water Authority: Troy Coby Allen, Hidalgo County; Dario Vidal Guerra, Hidalgo County; Arturo Hinojosa, Hidalgo County; Sonia Lambert, Cameron County; Lance Scott Neuhaus, Hidalgo County; Joe Alfred Pennington, Willacy County; Frank White, Hidalgo County.

Members, Risk Management Board, State Office of Risk Management: Lloyd Marshall Garland, Lubbock County; John Wesley Youngblood, Milam County.

Justice, Supreme Court of Texas: Jeffrey Scott Boyd, Travis County.

Members, Texas Council on Purchasing from People with Disabilities: Jack Daniel Bremer, Comal County; Michael Kevin Cloud, Travis County; Glenn Ray Hagler, Williamson County; Kevin Milanes Jackson, Travis County; Beverly Jackson Loss, Hunt County; Alfred Harlow Matson, Smith County; Dietrich Matthew Grogan von Biedenfeld, Brazoria County.

Members, Texas Transportation Commission: Jeff Austin, Smith County; Jeffrey Alan Moseley, Harris County; Victor Thomas Vandergriff, Tarrant County.

## NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF NOMINATIONS

Senator Hegar gave notice that he would tomorrow at the conclusion of morning call submit to the Senate for consideration nominations to agencies, boards, and commissions of the state.

### **SENATE RULE 11.10(a) SUSPENDED (Public Notice of Committee Meetings)**

On motion of Senator Carona and by unanimous consent, Senate Rule 11.10(a) was suspended in order that the Committee on Business and Commerce might meet today.

### **CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 11**

On motion of Senator Nelson, Senator Paxton will be shown as Co-author of **SB 11**.

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 15**

On motion of Senator Seliger, Senator Uresti will be shown as Co-author of **SB 15**.

**CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 143**

On motion of Senator Nelson, Senators Duncan, Watson, and West will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 143**.

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 467**

On motion of Senator Hegar, Senator Schwertner will be shown as Co-author of **SB 467**.

**CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 898**

On motion of Senator Van de Putte, Senators Davis and Rodríguez will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 898**.

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 1115**

On motion of Senator Whitmire, Senator Van de Putte will be shown as Co-author of **SB 1115**.

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 1158**

On motion of Senator Van de Putte, Senator Rodríguez will be shown as Co-author of **SB 1158**.

**CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 1538**

On motion of Senator Van de Putte, Senators Hinojosa and Patrick will be shown as Co-authors of **SB 1538**.

**CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 1553**

On motion of Senator Lucio, Senator Rodríguez will be shown as Co-author of **SB 1553**.

**RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION**

The following resolutions were adopted by the Senate:

**Memorial Resolution**

**SR 623** by Hegar, In memory of Bernard Clifton Terrell, Jr.

**Welcome and Congratulatory Resolutions**

**SR 624** by Schwertner, Recognizing the City of College Station on the occasion of its 75th anniversary.

**SR 626** by Schwertner, Welcoming students from Mrs. Mac's Shining Stars school.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Senator Whitmire, the Senate at 2:17 p.m. adjourned, in memory of Chad Hutson Littlefield, until 11:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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**APPENDIX**

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The following committee reports were received by the Secretary of the Senate in the order listed:

April 9, 2013

**EDUCATION — CSSB 1408**

**STATE AFFAIRS — CSSB 958, CSSB 1340**

**FINANCE — CSSB 1256, CSSB 1255, CSSB 489, CSSJR 32**

**HIGHER EDUCATION — CSSB 143**

**FINANCE — CSSJR 55, CSSB 1655**

**GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION — SB 1546**

**STATE AFFAIRS — CSSB 1398, CSSB 94, CSSB 822**

**BILLS ENGROSSED**

April 8, 2013

**SB 119, SB 302, SB 307, SB 505, SB 545, SB 611, SB 617, SB 630, SB 1007, SB 1012, SB 1082, SB 1109, SB 1210**

**RESOLUTIONS ENROLLED**

April 8, 2013

**SR 579, SR 607, SR 611, SR 612, SR 613, SR 614, SR 616, SR 617, SR 618, SR 620**



**In Memory**  
**of**  
**Chad Hutson Littlefield**  
**Senate Resolution 591**

WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the sorrow felt by people across the Lone Star State and beyond at the death of Chad Hutson Littlefield of Midlothian on February 2, 2013, at the age of 35; and

WHEREAS, The son of Don and Judy Littlefield, Chad Littlefield was born in Dallas on February 11, 1977, and was proud to be a lifelong Texan; he graduated from DeSoto High School in 1995 and went on to pursue a career at Eagle Labs, where he worked as the facilities and logistics manager; and

WHEREAS, A devoted husband and father, Mr. Littlefield took great pleasure in family life; he was a source of strength and support to his wife, Leanne, and his daughter, Morgan, as well as to his many friends, who looked to him when in need of a kind or comforting word; his desire to help people extended outside his circle of loved ones, and he often assisted his friend Chris Kyle with his nonprofit in behalf of veterans; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Littlefield was sustained by a deep faith, and his steadfast beliefs guided his actions; he was known as a man who approached each day with optimism and good humor; and

WHEREAS, Although Chad Littlefield's life ended far too soon, he leaves behind a legacy that will be forever treasured by all those who were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 83rd Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Chad Hutson Littlefield and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Leanne Littlefield; to his daughter, Morgan Littlefield; to his parents, Don and Judy Littlefield; to his brother, Jerry Richardson, and his wife, Teresa; to his nephew, Colten Richardson; to his niece, Cami Richardson; to his grandmother, Geraldine Conlan; to his aunts, Dorothy Mitchell, Frances Cooper, Diana Cheek, and Jean Doty; to his uncle, Richard Mitchell; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Chad Hutson Littlefield.

BIRDWELL





