SENATE FLOOR ACTION

Wednesday March 4, 2009

The Senate adopted the following resolutions:

SR 224 Deuell

Recognizing March 4, 2009, as Fannin County Day at the State Capitol.

SR 278 Deuell

Recognizing March 4, 2009, as Balch Springs Day at the State Capitol.

SR 299 Jackson, Mike

Recognizing March 4 and 5, 2009, as NASA Space Days at the State Capitol.

SR 332 Nelson

Commending the Texas Council on Family Violence.

SR 359 West

Recognizing March 2009 as American Red Cross Month.

SR 368 Nelson

Commending the American Cancer Society.

SR 371 Carona/ Deuell

Recognizing March 4, 2009, as Texas Moving Image Industry Day at the State Capitol.

SR 380 Zaffirini

Commending the Texas Exes and welcoming the Mexican and Spanish students to The University of Texas at Austin.

SCR 34 Van de Putte

Recognizing March 2009 as National Women's History Month.

SCR 37 Duncan

Welcoming members of the Texas Organization of Rural and Community Hospitals and the Texas Rural Health Association to the Capitol.

HCR 12 Kuempel/ Geren/ Orr SP: Wentworth

In memory of Texas game warden Teyran "Ty" Patterson of Seguin.

HCR 58 Driver SP: Whitmire

Congratulating Colonel Thomas A. Davis, Jr., on his retirement from the Texas Department of Public Safety.

HCR 59 Driver SP: Whitmire

Congratulating Lieutenant Colonel David McEathron on his retirement from the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Committee referral on the following:

SB 17 Nichols/ Carona/ Nelson/ Patrick,

Dan/ Shapiro

Relating to the design, development, financing, construction, and operation of certain toll projects.

Transportation & Homeland Security

SB 751 Zaffirini/ et al.

Relating to the use of restraints in state schools.

Health & Human Services

SB 752 Davis, Wendy

Relating to the authority of a local government to prohibit the Railroad Commission of Texas or the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality from issuing a permit for a disposal well.

Natural Resources

SB 753 Davis, Wendy

Relating to the waiting period for eligibility for benefits under the Texas Employees Group Benefits Act. **State Affairs**

SB 754 Davis, Wendy

Relating to the sale of ale and malt liquor by brewer's permit holders.

Business & Commerce

SB 755 Van de Putte

Relating to the requirements for a funeral establishment license.

Health & Human Services

SB 756 Eltife

Relating to the authority of certain school districts to enter into property tax abatement agreements in connection with realigned or closed military facilities.

Finance

SB 757 Williams

Relating to a credit or refund for diesel fuel taxes paid on diesel fuel used in this state by auxiliary power units or power take-off equipment.

Finance

SB 758 Williams

Relating to the design and issuance of license plates for United States paratroopers.

Transportation & Homeland Security

SB 759 Williams

Relating to certain standards for group-administered achievement tests used by school districts.

Education

SB 760 Davis, Wendy

Relating to a pilot test of an advanced control technology for the reduction of nitrogen oxides emissions.

Natural Resources

SB 761 Watson/ et al.

Relating to a program for the recycling of electronic equipment of consumers in this state; providing administrative penalties.

Natural Resources

SB 762 Watson

Relating to a study concerning the minimum participation requirement for small employer health benefit plans.

State Affairs

SB 763 Watson

Relating to the requirement that state agencies purchase low-emissions vehicles as a minimum percentage of their purchased vehicles.

Finance

SB 764 Watson/ Hinojosa

Relating to the right of certain municipalities to maintain local control over wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment.

Intergovernmental Relations

SB 765 Ellis

Relating to eligibility requirements for a beginning police department position in certain municipalities under municipal civil service.

Intergovernmental Relations

SB 766 West

Relating to notices required and the opportunity to cure default in connection with foreclosure of a lien against residential property; providing a penalty.

Business & Commerce

SB 767 West/ et al.

Relating to the authority of the attorney general to bring suit on behalf of individuals injured by unlawful practices in restraint of trade.

State Affairs

SB 768 Hegai

Relating to exemptions from the Texas Structural Pest Control Act; providing penalties.

Agriculture & Rural Affairs

SB 769 Williams/ Whitmire/ et al.

Relating to the recovery by an electric utility of certain expenses relating to weather-related events or natural disasters.

Business & Commerce

SB 770 Williams

Relating to the procedure for claiming an exemption from ad valorem taxation for tangible personal property in transit.

Finance

SB 771 Williams

Relating to the determination of the value of property for ad valorem tax purposes.

Finance

SB 772 Williams

Relating to the operation of a motor vehicle by a person under 18 years of age while using a wireless communications device.

Transportation & Homeland Security

SB 773 Lucio

Relating to licensing requirements of the Department of Family and Protective Services for certain facilities and homes providing child care.

Health & Human Services

SB 774 Lucio

Relating to allocation of state and federal funds for adult basic education.

Education

SB 775 Lucio

Relating to the licensing and regulation of clinical laboratory science professionals; providing penalties.

Health & Human Services

SB 776 Averitt

Relating to regulating the collection or solicitation of donated goods subsequently sold by for-profit entities or individuals; providing a civil penalty.

Business & Commerce

SB 777 Ogden

Relating to statistical information on the prosecution of certain offenses relating to the operating of a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

Criminal Justice

SB 778 Watson

Relating to the licensing and regulation of identity recovery service providers and the inclusion of identity recovery service agreements in certain service contracts and vehicle protection products; providing penalties.

Business & Commerce

SB 779 Watson

Relating to expedited credentialing for certain individual health care providers providing services under a managed care plan.

State Affairs

SB 780 Watson/ Davis, Wendy/ Ellis/ Gallegos/ Harris/ et al.

Relating to disclosure of the individual vote of each member of the Texas Supreme Court on a petition for review.

Jurisprudence

SB 781 Watson

Relating to eligibility to participate in the Texas Health Insurance Risk Pool by individuals whose employers participate in certain regional or local health care programs.

State Affairs

SB 782 Duncan

Relating to the filling of a vacancy in an appellate judicial office by appointment and a nonpartisan election for the retention or rejection of the person appointed.

Jurisprudence

SB 783 Shapiro

Relating to the Texas emerging technology fund.

Economic Development

SB 784 Hegar

Relating to the suspension of a driver's license by the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Criminal Justice

SB 785 Nelson

Relating to the employee misconduct registry and employee certification posting requirements for certain facilities.

Health & Human Services

SB 786 Nelson

Relating to the protection of children from abuse and neglect.

Health & Human Services

SB 787 Nelson

Relating to the statute of limitations on prosecution of the offense of bigamy.

Criminal Justice

SB 788 Nelson

Relating to reporting child abuse or neglect.

Health & Human Services

SB 789 Nelson

Relating to loss ratio standards for long-term care benefit plans.

State Affairs

SB 790 Nelson

Relating to clinical practice hours available for professional nursing educational programs at certain hospitals.

Health & Human Services

SB 791 Nelson

Relating to the certified nurse aide registry and the regulation of certified nurse aides by the Texas Board of Nursing.

Health & Human Services

SB 792 Nelson

Relating to the imposition of the sales and use tax by certain crime control and prevention districts and fire control, prevention, and emergency medical services districts.

Finance

SB 793 Hegar

Relating to certification of a person as eligible for disabled parking privileges.

Transportation & Homeland Security

SB 794 Frasei

Relating to the composition of the board of directors of the Central Colorado River Authority.

Natural Resources

SB 795 Fraser

Relating to the audit of certain river authorities.

Natural Resources

SB 796 Hinojosa/ et al.

Relating to the provision and evaluation of comprehensive substance abuse treatment under the state Medicaid program.

Health & Human Services

SB 797 Carona

Relating to the circumstances in which the approval of the governing body of a taxing unit is required for refunds of overpayments or erroneous payments of ad valorem taxes.

Finance

SB 798 Carona

Relating to refunds of overpayments or erroneous payments of ad valorem taxes.

Finance

SB 799 Williams

Relating to the powers and duties of the Plum Creek Fresh Water Supply District No. 1; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds; granting the power of eminent domain.

Natural Resources

SB 800 Williams

Relating to a Texas Commission on Environmental Quality water quality protection area pilot program applicable to portions of the San Jacinto River; providing penalties.

Natural Resources

SB 801 Hegar

Relating to the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of land used for wildlife management.

Finance

SB 802 Carona

Relating to the requirements for a plumber's apprentice to obtain a plumber's license.

Business & Commerce

SB 803 Lucio

Relating to meetings of the Coastal Coordination Council.

International Relations & Trade

SB 804 Lucio

Relating to the use of golf carts on beaches.

Natural Resources

SB 805 Nelson

Relating to incentive payments for certain nursing facilities providing services under the medical assistance program.

Health & Human Services

SB 806 Nelson

Relating to the imposition of a disciplinary action on a licensed nursing facility administrator; providing a penalty.

Health & Human Services

SB 807 Van de Putte

Relating to the authority of a county to regulate the installation and use of lighting in certain areas.

Intergovernmental Relations

SB 808 Whitmire

 $Relating \ to \ allowing \ certain \ claimants \ to \ file \ an \ application \ under \ the \ Crime \ Victims' \ Compensation \ Act.$

Criminal Justice

SB 809 Whitmire

Relating to the issuance of an occupational license to certain applicants with criminal convictions.

Criminal Justice

SB 810 Davis, Wendy

Relating to the personal needs allowance for certain Medicaid recipients who are residents of long-term care facilities.

Health & Human Services

SB 811 Duncan

Relating to authorizing the board of regents of the Texas Tech University System to transfer the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts to a nonprofit organization to operate the museum.

Higher Education

SB 812 Hegar

Relating to reimbursement of expenses incurred by court reporters for the 506th Judicial District.

Jurisprudence

SB 813 Watson

Relating to the eligibility of certain sole proprietors to participate in small employer health benefit plans.

State Affairs

SB 814 Watson

Relating to repayment assistance for certain physician education loans.

Higher Education

SB 815 Watson

Relating to consumer labeling requirements for certain health benefit plans; providing penalties.

State Affairs

SB 816 Patrick, Dan/ et al.

Relating to the Texas Teach Corps Scholarship Program for students who agree to teach in public schools in this state that have shortages of teachers in math and science.

Higher Education

SB 817 Shapleigh/ Carona/ Davis, Wendy/ Ellis/ Eltife/ et al.

Relating to funding of the Communities In Schools program.

Education

SB 818 Van de Putte

Relating to the exclusion of certain payments from the total revenue of certain taxable entities for purposes of the franchise tax.

Finance

SB 819 Davis, Wendy/ et al.

Relating to the vaccination against bacterial meningitis of certain first-time students at public institutions of higher education.

Higher Education

SB 820 Duncan

Relating to the adoption and amendment of model building codes by municipalities.

Intergovernmental Relations

SB 821 Shapiro

Relating to the regulation of medical radiologic technology.

Health & Human Services

SB 822 Van de Putte

Relating to a restriction on permits authorizing discharges of sewage effluent into any water in the contributing or recharge zone of the San Antonio or Barton Springs segment of the Edwards Aquifer.

Natural Resources

SB 823 Van de Putte

Relating to participation in job training and employment assistance programs by veterans and other covered persons.

Veteran Affairs & Military Installations

SB 824 Ellis

Relating to privacy of wireless telecommunications customer information; providing a civil penalty.

Business & Commerce

SB 825 Ellis

Relating to the designation of certain areas as banking development districts to encourage the establishment of financial institution branches in those areas.

Business & Commerce

SB 826 Ellis/ et al.

Relating to exceptions to certain disqualifications from receiving unemployment benefits.

Business & Commerce

SB 827 Ellis

Relating to the establishment and operation of urban mutual insurance companies.

Business & Commerce

SB 828 Whitmire

Relating to a determination of value for purposes of punishment of the offense of abuse of official capacity.

State Affairs

SB 829 Whitmire

Relating to the maintenance of records by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice concerning certain financial obligations of inmates released on parole or to mandatory supervision.

Criminal Justice

SB 830 Whitmire

Relating to a determination of the amount of a fine imposed in a criminal case.

Criminal Justice

SB 831 Whitmire

Relating to certain directions given to state jail felons at the time of discharge from a state jail felony facility.

Criminal Justice

SB 832 Wentworth

Relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation for certain solar or wind-powered energy devices. **Finance**

SB 833 Carona

Relating to the accrual of vacation and sick leave for certain state employees on a military leave of absence.

Government Organization

SB 834 Hegar

Relating to the date for electing directors of the Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District.

Natural Resources

SB 835 Hinojosa

Relating to powers of the Port of Corpus Christi Authority of Nueces County, Texas, pertaining to land in and adjacent to Naval Station Ingleside.

S/C on Base Realignment and Closure

SB 836 Hinojosa

Relating to the Port of Corpus Christi Authority of Nueces County, Texas.

International Relations & Trade

SB 837 Hinojosa

Relating to the exhibition of first-run movies in movie theaters.

Business & Commerce

SB 838 Hinojosa

Relating to the requirement under certain circumstances that a license holder display their license to carry a concealed handgun.

Criminal Justice

SB 839 Hinojosa

Relating to the punishment for a capital felony committed by a juvenile whose case is transferred to criminal court.

Criminal Justice

SB 840 Hinojosa

Relating to procedures for certain persons charged with certain new offenses or an administrative violation of a condition of release from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice on parole or to mandatory supervision.

Criminal Justice

SB 842 Averitt

Relating to the operation of health care sharing organizations.

State Affairs

SB 843 Uresti/ et al.

Relating to protective orders issued against a third party to prevent family or dating violence.

Criminal Justice

SB 844 Hegar

Relating to the powers and duties of the Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 194; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds.

Intergovernmental Relations

SB 845 Van de Putte

Relating to the tuition and fee exemption available to certain military personnel and to permitting those personnel to transfer the exemption to a child.

Higher Education

SB 846 Averitt/ Harris

Relating to the exemption of oil and gas royalty interests owned by private institutions of higher education from oil and gas severance taxes.

Finance

SB 847 Averitt

Relating to applicability of fee exemptions for military personnel and their children to certain course fees charged by public technical institutes and public state colleges.

Higher Education

SB 848 Nichols

Relating to the election, and validation of acts, of members of the board of directors of Anderson County Underground Water Conservation District.

Natural Resources

SB 849 Shapleigh

Relating to the creation of the offense of directing the activities of a criminal street gang.

Transportation & Homeland Security

SB 850 Patrick, Dan

Relating to information required to establish resident status in connection with tuition and fees charged by public institutions of higher education.

Higher Education

SB 1001 Deuell

Relating to the continuation and operation of the office of public insurance counsel.

Government Organization

SB 1002 Deuell

Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation; providing penalties.

Government Organization

SB 1003 Deuel

Relating to the abolishment of the Office of State-Federal Relations as an independent agency and the transfer of the duties and functions of that agency to the office of the governor.

Government Organization

SB 1004 Hegar

Relating to the continuation and functions of the board of directors of the official cotton growers' boll weevil eradication foundation.

Government Organization

SB 1005 Hinojosa

Relating to the regulation of polygraph examiners by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation and the abolition of the Polygraph Examiners Board.

Government Organization