

SENATE FLOOR ACTION

**Monday
April 6, 2009**

The Senate suspended the necessary rules to consider and finally pass:

SJR 35

Duncan/ Shapiro

Proposing a constitutional amendment establishing the national research university fund to enable emerging research universities in this state to achieve national prominence as major research universities and transferring the balance of the higher education fund to the national research university fund.

SB 17 (CS)

**Nichols/ Carona/ Nelson/ Patrick,
Dan/ Shapiro/ et al.**

Relating to the design, development, financing, construction, and operation of certain toll projects; granting the authority to issue bonds.

1 Floor Amendment

SB 386

Carona

Relating to the administrative fine and the late payment fee for a violation of a parking rule applicable to the Capitol Complex.

SB 404 (CS)

Carona

Relating to the authority of certain toll project entities to enter into a comprehensive development agreement.

SB 970

Seliger

Relating to the qualifications required of the executive director of the Texas Department of Transportation.

SB 1290 (LC)

Van de Putte/ et al.

Relating to authorization for school districts to provide mentors for teachers assigned to a new subject or grade level.

SB 1386 (LC)

Seliger

Relating to priority groundwater management areas.

The Senate suspended the regular order, read third time and finally passed:

SB 796 (CS)

Hinojosa/ et al.

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

Committee referral on the following:

SB 326

Shapiro

Relating to stabilizing the amount of tuition charged to certain residents of this state by general academic teaching institutions.

Higher Education

SB 2225

Carona

Relating to the civil and criminal consequences of engaging in certain conduct involving the possession or transfer of a firearm and to creating the offense of firearm smuggling; providing penalties.

Transportation & Homeland Security

SB 2484

Ogden

Relating to the transfer of certain state property from the Texas Department of Transportation to the Parks and Wildlife Department.

Finance

- SB 2485** **Williams**
 Relating to the creation of the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 118; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds; granting a limited power of eminent domain.
Intergovernmental Relations
- SB 2486** **Williams**
 Relating to the creation of the Montgomery County Water Control and Improvement District No. 3; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds; granting a limited power of eminent domain.
Natural Resources
- SB 2487** **Estes**
 Relating to the creation of the Sienna Ranch Municipal Utility District No. 1 of Collin County; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds; granting a limited power of eminent domain.
Intergovernmental Relations
- SB 2488** **Estes**
 Relating to the creation of the Lake Weatherford Municipal Utility Districts Nos. 1 and 2; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds; granting a limited power of eminent domain.
Intergovernmental Relations
- SB 2490** **Gallegos**
 Relating to the right of certain counties to maintain local control over wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment.
Intergovernmental Relations
- SB 2491** **Uresti**
 Relating to the powers and duties of certain public improvement districts.
Natural Resources
- SB 2492** **Deuell**
 Relating to requiring notices prior to certain activities involving Voice over Internet Protocol telephone service.
Business & Commerce
- SB 2493** **Deuell**
 Relating to the regulation of prepaid funeral benefits; providing penalties.
Business & Commerce
- SB 2494** **Zaffirini**
 Relating to the Starr County Hospital District.
Intergovernmental Relations
- SB 2495** **Zaffirini**
 Relating to eligibility requirements to serve as a member of the board of directors of the Bee Groundwater Conservation District.
Natural Resources
- SB 2496** **Patrick, Dan**
 Relating to the powers of the Westchase District.
Economic Development
- SB 2497** **Estes**
 Relating to the creation of the North Texas Groundwater Conservation District; providing authority to issue bonds.
Natural Resources
- SB 2498** **Hegar**
 Relating to the creation of the Bastrop County Municipal Utility District No. 2; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds; granting a limited power of eminent domain.
Intergovernmental Relations
- SB 2499** **Seliger**
 Relating to the Martin County Hospital District.
Intergovernmental Relations

SB 2500

Carona

Relating to the issuance of specialty license plates.

Transportation & Homeland Security

(CS) COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

(LC) RECOMMENDED FOR LOCAL CALENDAR