

SENATE FLOOR ACTION

**Monday
May 11, 2009**

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

SJR 42 (CS)

Duncan/ et al.

Proposing a constitutional amendment to prohibit the taking of property for transfer to a private entity for certain purposes.

1 Floor Amendment

SB 382 (CS)

Van de Putte/ Zaffirini/ et al.

Relating to a competitive grant program to fund promotion of early literacy programs in certain communities in this state.

SB 1023 (CS)

Ogden/ et al.

Relating to the exercise of eminent domain authority.

1 Floor Amendment

SB 1493 (CS) (LC)

Williams

Relating to certain amounts payable by and the operation of the Texas Life, Accident, Health, and Hospital Service Insurance Guaranty Association.

SB 2085 (CS)

Davis, Wendy

Relating to the offense of unlawful use of public funds for political advertising by a political subdivision.

1 Floor Amendment

SB 2096 (CS) (LC)

Wentworth

Relating to the creation of and the powers of a comprehensive multimodal urban transportation authority, including the power to impose taxes, issue bonds, and exercise limited eminent domain authority.

SB 2467 (CS)

Patrick, Dan/ et al.

Relating to the creation of Waller Town Center Management District; providing authority to impose an assessment, impose a tax, and issue bonds; and granting a limited power of eminent domain.

SB 2510 (CS) (LC)

Patrick, Dan

Relating to the creation of the Harris County Improvement District No. 18; providing authority to impose an assessment, impose a tax, and issue bonds.

SB 2559 (LC)

Uresti

Relating to the imposition and rate of the county hotel occupancy tax in certain counties.

SB 2565 (LC)

Averitt

Relating to adjustments of rates of certain telecommunications utilities for changes in certain tax liabilities.

SB 2569 (LC)

Lucio

Relating to the governing body of the Willacy County Navigation District.

SB 2570 (LC)

Lucio

Relating to the board of directors of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District.

HB 875 (LC)

Eissler/ Harless

SP: Carona

Relating to civil liability for erecting or maintaining certain outdoor signs or advertising.

HB 968 (CS)

**Homer/ Kuempel/ Aycock/
Edwards**

SP: Harris

Relating to the use of crossbows for hunting.

HB 1282 (LC) **McClendon/ Riddle/ Hodge/ Vo/ et al.** **SP: Zaffirini**

Relating to the penalty for theft of a driver's license, commercial driver's license, or personal identification certificate.

HB 1454 (LC) **Naishtat/ Lucio III/ Guillen/ Leibowitz/ et al.** **SP: Zaffirini**

Relating to the establishment of a volunteer-supported decision-making advocate pilot program for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities and persons with other cognitive disabilities.

HB 1813 (LC) **Vo/ et al.** **SP: Williams**

Relating to the punishment for tampering with certain governmental records concerning forensic analyses.

HB 1963 **Kuempel** **SP: Whitmire**

Relating to eliminating the limitation on lottery advertising expenses based on the lottery prize payout percentage.

The Senate reconsidered passage to third reading and adoption of floor amendment 2, passed to third reading and finally passed:

HB 1736 (CS) **Anchia/ Davis, Yvonne/ Branch/ Hodge/ Isett/ et al.** **SP: Duncan/ et al.**

Relating to compensation of and services to persons wrongfully imprisoned.

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

SB 725 (CS) **Estes**

Relating to the sunset review of certain river authorities.

The Senate suspended the regular order, read second time and passed to engrossment:

SB 541 (CS) **Watson/ et al.**

Relating to incentives for Texas renewable energy jobs and manufacturing.

1 Floor Amendment

SB 1663 (CS) **Wentworth**

Relating to the disregard or violation of a resident's advance directive by a nursing institution; providing penalties.

1 Floor Amendment

The Senate adopted the following resolutions:

SR 799 **Shapiro**

Recognizing May 11, 2009, as Texas Capitol Schoolhouse Day.

HCR 88 **Davis, John/ Hopson/ et al.** **SP: Hinojosa**

Directing the Texas Department of State Health Services and the Texas Education Agency to educate parents of adolescent Texans regarding the importance of adolescents' receiving regular physical exams and updated immunizations.

HCR 204 **Berman/ Flynn/ Merritt/ Hughes/ Hopson** **SP: Eltife**

Congratulating the Tyler Morning Telegraph on its 100th anniversary.

HCR 214 **Menendez** **SP: Van de Putte**

Honoring Haven for Hope of Bexar County as it commemorates its first full year of service in San Antonio.

The Senate concurred in House amendments to the following:

SB 543 (CS) (LC) **Carona** **SP: Harless**

Relating to certain possessory liens; providing a criminal penalty.

SB 687 (LC) **Hegar/ et al.** **SP: Driver**
Relating to injury leave and related benefits for certain state peace officers injured in the course of performance of duty.

SB 828 (LC) **Whitmire** **SP: Madden**
Relating to a determination of value for purposes of punishment of the offense of abuse of official capacity.

SB 1442 (LC) **Fraser** **SP: Giddings**
Relating to business entities and associations.

Committee referral on the following:

SB 2581 **Shapleigh**
Relating to partnering with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and other federal agencies to establish a veterans hospital in El Paso.
Veteran Affairs & Military Installations

SB 2582 **Van de Putte**
Relating to certain investment products made available to certain public school employees and the companies authorized to provide those products; providing civil penalties.
State Affairs

HJR 77 **Howard, Donna/ Anchia/ Eissler/
Chisum/ Dutton/ et al.**
Proposing a constitutional amendment to create the Permanent School Fund Management Council to assume the duty of the State Board of Education to manage the permanent school fund and to allow the School Land Board to transfer funds from the permanent school fund to the available school fund.
Education

HB 130 **Patrick/ Eissler/ Anchia/ Pitts/
Thompson/ et al.**
Relating to an enhanced quality full-day prekindergarten program provided by public school districts in conjunction with community providers.
Education

HB 155 **Gutierrez**
Relating to access to rivers and riverbeds for individuals with physical disabilities.
Natural Resources

HB 556 **Kuempel**
Relating to payment of attorney's fees in certain actions to recover possession of real property.
State Affairs

HB 853 **Laubenberg/ Rodriguez/
Gutierrez/ Leibowitz/ Chavez/
et al.**
Relating to inclusion of pets and other companion animals in protective orders; providing a penalty.
Criminal Justice

HB 978 **Burnam/ Lucio III/ Naishtat/
Farrar/ et al.**
Relating to the employment rights of certain individuals with disabilities.
Business & Commerce

HB 1399 **Guillen**
Relating to the powers and duties of municipal court judges.
Criminal Justice

HB 2291 **Gattis/ Oliveira/ Paxton/ Pena/
Harper-Brown/ et al.**
Relating to the procedure to be used by a taxing unit in adopting an ad valorem tax rate.
Finance

- HB 2308** **Davis, Yvonne/ Flores/ Hodge**
Relating to the establishment of the Texas secure loan pilot program by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.
International Relations & Trade
- HB 2360** **Farias/ Turner, Sylvester/ Elkins/ Thompson**
Relating to the provision by employers of information regarding employee eligibility for the federal earned income tax credit.
Business & Commerce
- HB 2502** **Hartnett**
Relating to the adoption of a nonsubstantive revision of provisions of the Texas Probate Code relating to decedents' estates and the redesignation of certain other provisions of the Texas Probate Code, including conforming amendments and repeals.
Administration
- HB 2504** **Kolkhorst/ Christian/ Aycock/ et al.**
Relating to requiring a public institution of higher education to make available to the public on the institution's Internet website certain undergraduate course information.
Higher Education
- HB 2582** **Gonzalez Toureilles/ Leibowitz/ Moody/ Hardcastle**
Relating to the production and taxation of renewable diesel fuel.
Agriculture & Rural Affairs
- HB 2619** **Frost**
Relating to the nonsubstantive revision of certain local laws concerning special districts, including conforming amendments.
Administration
- HB 3079** **Hughes**
Relating to the sale or purchase of certain parts of game animals or birds.
Agriculture & Rural Affairs
- HB 3095** **Harless**
Relating to the use of a parking space or area designated specifically for persons with disabilities.
Transportation & Homeland Security
- HB 3433** **Menendez/ Pickett**
Relating to the extended registration of a fleet of motor vehicles.
Transportation & Homeland Security
- HB 3650** **Merritt/ Gonzales/ Chavez/ Frost/ Gutierrez**
Relating to the creation, administration, powers, duties, operations, and financing of a border region higher-speed rail authority for the Texas-Louisiana and the Texas-Mexico border regions; granting the power to issue bonds; imposing a tax; granting the power of eminent domain.
Transportation & Homeland Security
- HB 4270** **Howard, Charlie/ Paxton**
Relating to the computation of cost of goods sold for purposes of the franchise tax by certain affiliated taxable entities.
Finance
- HB 4294** **Branch/ Eissler/ Strama/ Oliveira/ Aycock/ et al.**
Relating to textbooks, electronic textbooks, instructional material, and technological equipment in public schools.
Education

Committee re-referral on the following:

HB 1579

Gonzales/ Martinez, "Mando"

SP: Lucio

Relating to a county's removal of flood water resulting from a natural disaster in certain communities.

Re-referred from S/C on Flooding & Evacuations to International Relations & Trade

(CS) COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

(LC) RECOMMENDED FOR LOCAL CALENDAR