

SENATE FLOOR ACTION

Friday
May 15, 2009

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

SB 666 (CS) **Shapleigh**
Relating to the administration of charitable trusts.
1 Floor Amendment

SB 2177 (LC) **Shapleigh**
Relating to the establishment of a nonprofit organization for the acquisition of historic art pieces for the Capitol.

SB 2491 (LC) **Uresti**
Relating to the powers and duties of certain public improvement districts.
1 Floor Amendment

SB 2553 **Hegar**
Relating to the regulatory authority of counties, including granting certain counties authority to regulate the cutting of certain trees; providing a penalty.
2 Floor Amendments

SB 2555 (LC) **Hegar**
Relating to granting county zoning authority in Aransas County; providing a criminal penalty.
1 Floor Amendment

SB 2576 (LC) **Watson**
Relating to the authority of a commissioner of the Texas Workforce Commission.

SB 2577 **Jackson, Mike**
Relating to bariatric surgery coverage for state employees.

HB 472 **Hilderbran** **SP: Hinojosa**
Relating to the effect and implementation of the law regarding reporting by a common carrier or pipeline owner or operator of contamination.

HB 567 **Miller, Sid** **SP: Fraser**
Relating to the eligibility of candidates for certain offices to serve as election judges.

HB 772 (LC) **Howard, Donna/ Rodriguez/ Maldonado/ Leibowitz/ et al.** **SP: Davis, Wendy**
Relating to Internet broadcasts of open meetings held by the State Board of Education.

HB 1493 (LC) **King, Tracy O.** **SP: Zaffirini**
Relating to the use of certain devices in a polling place.

HB 1672 (CS) **Crownover/ Zerwas/ Coleman/ Dukes/ Shelton/ et al.** **SP: Deuell**
Relating to newborn screening.

HB 2027 (CS) (LC) **Zerwas/ Hartnett/ Martinez, "Mando"/ Branch/ et al.** **SP: Harris**
Relating to adoption of the Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act; providing criminal penalties.

HB 2032 (CS) (LC) **England** **SP: Harris/ et al.**
Relating to the authority of certain municipalities to use tax revenue for certain venue projects.
1 Floor Amendment

HB 2509 **Geren** **SP: Wentworth**
Relating to the payment of a lottery prize awarded to a minor.

HB 2512 (CS) (LC) **Aycock** **SP: Davis, Wendy**
Relating to audio recordings of certain grievance proceedings or meetings by school district employees.

HB 3031 (LC) **Keffer/ et al.** **SP: Estes**
Relating to the sale by the Brazos River Authority of certain residential and commercial leased lots and other real property in the immediate vicinity of Possum Kingdom Lake.

HB 3032 (LC) **Keffer** **SP: Estes**
Relating to the sale of certain property at Possum Kingdom Lake by the Brazos River Authority.

HB 4006 (LC) **Hardcastle** **SP: Estes**
Relating to veterinarian reports of diseased animals.

HB 4314 (LC) **Gallego/ Thompson** **SP: Shapleigh**
Relating to the electronic filing of documents for capital cases in the court of criminal appeals.

The Senate refused to suspend the regular order to consider:

SB 2432 (CS) **Davis, Wendy**
Relating to the application to political subdivisions of this state of the law governing pooling of mineral interests.

The Senate adopted the following resolutions:

SR 883 **Deuell**
Commending Dick Bramblitt for his many contributions to the Mabank community.

SR 926 **Lucio/ Hinojosa**
Recognizing October 23, 2009, as the Day of the Migrants in Hidalgo County.

HCR 118 **Rios Ybarra** **SP: Hinojosa**
Honoring the legacy of Caesar Kleberg.

HCR 174 (CS) (LC) **Swinford/ Lewis/ Craddick/
Jones/ Chisum/ et al.** **SP: Seliger**
Requesting the Texas Department of Transportation to designate the overpass at the intersection of Highway 20 and Highway 338 in Odessa as the Buddy West Memorial Overpass.

The Senate concurred in House amendments to the following:

SB 61 (LC) **Zaffirini/ et al.** **SP: Vaught**
Relating to the offense of failing to secure a child passenger in a motor vehicle and to fines for the offense.

The Senate refused to concur in House amendments and requested the appointment of a Conference Committee on the following:

SB 727 (CS) **Patrick, Dan** **SP: Vaught**
Relating to the creation of DNA records for the DNA database system.

SB 1495 (LC) **Williams** **SP: Oliveira**
Relating to the taxation of motor fuels; providing penalties.

SB 2298 (CS) (LC) **Watson** **SP: Farabee**
Relating to compensation of certain state employees.

Committee referral on the following:

SB 2588 **Davis, Wendy**
Relating to certain protections for customers in the restructured electric services market.
Business & Commerce

HJR 7 **Flores/ Leibowitz/ Guillen/
Martinez, "Mando"**

Proposing a constitutional amendment to require partnering with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and other federal agencies to establish a veterans hospital in the Rio Grande Valley region of the state.

Veteran Affairs & Military Installations

HJR 37 **Raymond/ Pitts/ Edwards/ Otto/
Hopson/ et al.**

Proposing a constitutional amendment to dedicate net revenue from the state lottery to certain public school purposes.

Finance

HB 103 **Brown, Fred**

Relating to the operation of certain health benefit plans through student health centers of certain institutions of higher education.

Health & Human Services

HB 176 **King, Susan/ Riddle**

Relating to the punishment for the offense of aggravated assault.

Criminal Justice

HB 184 **Alonzo/ Vo/ Harless**

Relating to an optometry career program at the University of Houston.

Higher Education

HB 1146 **Anchia/ Davis, Yvonne/ Miklos/
Kent/ Mallory Caraway/ et al.**

Relating to the hours worked during a week by firefighters in certain municipalities.

Administration

HB 1277 **Button/ Cook/ Pitts/ Deshotel/
Giddings/ et al.**

Relating to the Texas Enterprise Fund, including the use of money from the fund, the terms of a grant agreement, and the duties of a grant recipient or entity that acquires a grant recipient.

Economic Development

HB 1319 **Pierson**

Relating to an exemption for school districts from security for court costs and appeal bond.

Jurisprudence

HB 1691 **Zerwas**

Relating to the creation of the Waller County Municipal Utility District No. 14; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds; granting a limited power of eminent domain.

Intergovernmental Relations

HB 1801 **Bohac/ Martinez Fischer/ Castro/
Patrick/ Oliveira/ et al.**

Relating to exemptions from the sales tax for a limited period for certain backpacks and school supplies specified by the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement.

Finance

HB 1841 **Kleinschmidt**

Relating to the creation of the XS Ranch Municipal Utility District; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds; granting a limited power of eminent domain.

Intergovernmental Relations

HB 1943 **Herrero/ Naishtat/ Kent/ Bolton**

Relating to the appointment of volunteer advocates as guardians ad litem in suits affecting the parent-child relationship.

Jurisprudence

- HB 2002** **McCall/ Hodge**
 Relating to a right of a close relative to seek expunction of arrest records and files on behalf of a deceased person.
Criminal Justice
- HB 2003** **McCall/ Castro/ Orr**
 Relating to the creation of the offense of online harassment.
Criminal Justice
- HB 2014** **Vo/ et al.**
 Relating to credit card marketing activities at postsecondary educational institutions.
Business & Commerce
- HB 2118** **Olivo/ Gonzales/ Naishtat/
 Turner, Sylvester/ Corte/ et al.**
 Relating to the designation of May 9 as Willie Velasquez Day.
Administration
- HB 2295** **McClendon/ Isett/ Flynn/
 Deshotel/ Harper-Brown/ et al.**
 Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Residential Construction Commission; providing penalties.
Business & Commerce
- HB 2609** **Miller, Doug/ Fletcher**
 Relating to the prosecution and punishment of the offense of criminal trespass.
Administration
- HB 2705** **Gattis**
 Relating to the level of maintenance and landscaping required for public rights-of-way annexed by a municipality.
Intergovernmental Relations
- HB 2846** **Riddle**
 Relating to the admissibility of certain hearsay statements made by a child abuse victim.
Criminal Justice
- HB 3389** **Harper-Brown/ Merritt**
 Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education.
Government Organization
- HB 3452** **Gattis/ Isett/ Veasey/ Truitt/
 Lucio III/ et al.**
 Relating to creation of the Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program.
Veteran Affairs & Military Installations
- HB 3551** **Bonnen**
 Relating to the notice to vacate the premises in forcible entry and detainer actions.
Business & Commerce
- HB 3623** **Elkins**
 Relating to covenants not to compete by physicians.
Administration
- HB 3680** **Riddle**
 Relating to creating the offense of contributing to the delinquency of a child.
Criminal Justice
- HB 3846** **Swinford**
 Relating to the requirement to wear safety apparel and seat belts while operating certain off-highway vehicles; changing the elements of an offense.
Transportation & Homeland Security

HB 3859

Herrero/ Marquez/ Guillen/ et al.

Relating to a staffing analysis of the Texas Integrated Eligibility Redesign System (TIERS) and benefits eligibility determination processes and to a pilot project regarding long-term services and supports provided to aged and physically disabled individuals.

Health & Human Services

(CS) COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

(LC) RECOMMENDED FOR LOCAL CALENDAR