SENATE FLOOR ACTION

Sunday
May 24, 2015

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

SB 2075 **Campbell**
Relating to the annexation and eminent domain powers of and the development of certain wastewater projects by the Needmore Ranch Municipal Utility District No. 1.

HJR 75 **Bonnen, Dennis/ Martinez Fischer/ Bonnen, Greg/ Muñoz, Jr./ Miller, Rick/ et al.** **SP: Taylor, Larry/ et al.**
Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran who died before the law authorizing a residence homestead exemption for such a veteran took effect.

HB 19 **King, Susan/ Burkett** **SP: Campbell/ et al.**
Relating to a preventive services program and mental health programs for veterans and military families.

HB 32 (CS) **Bonnen, Dennis/ Murphy/ Parker/ Oliveira/ Simmons/ et al.** **SP: Nelson**
Relating to the computation and rates of the franchise tax; decreasing tax rates.

HB 177 (LC) **Zedler/ Flynn/ Geren/ Anderson, Charles "Doc"/ Zerwas/ et al.** **SP: Bettencourt/ et al.**
Relating to the research, collection, and use of adult stem cells.
1 Floor Amendment

HB 189 (LC) **Thompson, Senfronia/ Moody/ Guillen/ Rose** **SP: Taylor, Van**
Relating to the elimination of the statute of limitations for the offenses of sexual assault and aggravated sexual assault.
1 Floor Amendment

HB 554 (LC) **Springer/ Pickett/ Simmons/ Guillen/ Frank/ et al.** **SP: Creighton/ et al.**
Relating to a defense to prosecution for the offense of possessing or carrying a weapon in or into the secured area of an airport.
1 Floor Amendment

HB 638 (LC) **Anchia/ Simmons** **SP: Ellis/ et al.**
Relating to annuity payments to surviving spouses and designated beneficiaries of persons wrongfully imprisoned.

HB 642 (LC) **Canales** **SP: Hinojosa**
Relating to an alcohol awareness program or drug education program for certain minors convicted of or adjudicated to have engaged in, or placed on deferred disposition or community supervision for, certain drug or alcohol related offenses; authorizing a fee.
1 Floor Amendment

HB 679 **Turner, Sylvester/ Reynolds** **SP: Zaffirini**
Relating to a study on homeless youth.
1 Floor Amendment

HB 731 **Lucio III** **SP: Lucio**
Relating to a pilot program under the foundation school program for funding prekindergarten programs provided by certain school districts with early high school graduation programs.

HB 786 **Walle/ King, Susan/ Hernandez/ Martinez Fischer/ et al.** **SP: Zaffirini/ et al.**
Relating to the right of a public employee to express breast milk in the workplace.
1 Floor Amendment

HB 867 (LC) **Hernandez/ King, Susan/ Farias/ Blanco/ Martinez Fischer/ et al.** **SP: Garcia/ et al.**
Relating to the establishment and operation of the Texas Women Veterans Program.

HB 992 **Bonnen, Dennis/ Martinez Fischer/ Bonnen, Greg/ Muñoz, Jr./ Miller, Rick/ et al.** **SP: Taylor, Larry/ et al.**
Relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation of the total appraised value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran.

HB 1072 (LC) **Thompson, Senfronia** **SP: Ellis**
Relating to the eligibility of certain persons to serve on the board of a property owners' association.

HB 1101 (LC) **Turner, Sylvester** **SP: Whitmire**
Relating to extending the period over which the balance of the system benefit fund is to be eliminated.

HB 1403 (LC) **Sheets/ Turner, Chris/ Fallon** **SP: Estes**
Relating to the definition of health care liability claim for the purposes of certain laws governing those claims.

HB 1474 (LC) **VanDeaver/ Guillen/ Bernal/ et al.** **SP: Eltife**
Relating to the placement of money in the state instructional materials fund and payment of the instructional materials allotment.

HB 1481 (CS) **Murphy/ Herrero/ Deshotel/ Fletcher/ Phillips** **SP: Birdwell**
Relating to prohibiting the operation of an unmanned aircraft over certain facilities; creating a criminal offense.
1 Floor Amendment

HB 1613 (CS) (LC) **Guillen** **SP: Perry**
Relating to the alignment of college readiness standards and expectations and essential knowledge and skills and the use to satisfy requirements concerning high school end-of-course assessment instruments of performance demonstrating satisfaction of certain college readiness benchmarks on certain assessment instruments designated by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

HB 1629 (LC) **Johnson/ Parker/ Isaac/ Anchia** **SP: West**
Relating to crowdfunding portal regulations for small business development.

HB 1633 **Romero, Jr.** **SP: Uresti**
Relating to application and notification requirements for a permit to drill an oil or gas well in or near an easement held by the Texas Department of Transportation.
1 Floor Amendment

HB 1804 (LC) **Naishtat** **SP: West**
Relating to notice by campuses and open-enrollment charter schools about events that may significantly impact the education of certain foster children.

HB 1841 **Bonnen, Greg** **SP: Perry**
Relating to the applicability of the sales and use tax to certain insurance services.
1 Floor Amendment

HB 1912 (CS) **Elkins** **SP: Zaffirini**
Relating to employment of a statewide data coordinator in the Department of Information Resources.

HB 1926 (CS) (LC) **Kacal/ Burkett/ Flynn/ Crownover/ Button/ et al.** **SP: Fraser**
Relating to the operations of a municipally owned utility or municipal power agency; affecting a provision that is subject to criminal penalties; providing authority to issue bonds.
3 Floor Amendments

HB 1929 (CS) **Rose** **SP: West**
Relating to the payment in certain counties of expenses associated with the transportation of senior citizens and their caregivers for civic, community, educational, and recreational activities.

HB 2014 **Sheets/ Fallon/ Guillen/ Moody** **SP: Taylor, Van/ et al.**
Relating to the authority of military personnel to obtain certification to teach career and technology education classes in public schools.

HB 2053 (CS) **Farney/ Craddick/ Thompson, Senfronia/ Burkett/ et al.** **SP: Schwertner/ et al.**
Relating to the protection of certain children who may be subject to child abuse or neglect through the operation of the child safety check alert list and training for law enforcement officers relating to the child safety check alert list.

HB 2150 (CS) (LC) **Alvarado/ Herrero/ Riddle/ Moody/ Wu** **SP: Whitmire/ et al.**
Relating to the organization of a grand jury.
1 Floor Amendment

HB 2171 **Sheffield/ Zerwas/ Zedler/ Miller, Rick/ Collier/ et al.** **SP: Zaffirini/ et al.**
Relating to information maintained in the immunization registry with the consent of an individual after the individual becomes an adult.

HB 2282 **Guillen** **SP: Uresti**
Relating to the procedures for protests and appeals of certain ad valorem tax determinations.
1 Floor Amendment

HB 2398 (CS) **White, James** **SP: Whitmire/ et al.**
Relating to court jurisdiction and procedures relating to truancy; establishing judicial donation trust funds; providing criminal penalties; imposing a court cost.

HB 2521 (CS) (LC) **Coleman/ Cyrier/ Schubert/ Morrison/ Cook/ et al.** **SP: Uresti/ et al.**
Relating to the allocation and use of payments received under oil and gas leases of land owned by the state for a county road.

HB 2524 (CS) **Coleman** **SP: Rodríguez**
Relating to legal services provided by a district or county attorney to county and precinct officials.

HB 2568 **Morrison** **SP: Kolkhorst**
Relating to authorizing a student center fee at the University of Houston-Victoria.

HB 2593 (LC) **Price** **SP: Seliger**
Relating to the sparsity adjustment for certain school districts under the Foundation School Program.

HB 2621 **Raney/ Schubert/ Kacal** **SP: Schwertner**
Relating to the board of trustees of the Blinn Junior College District.
1 Floor Amendment

HB 2633 **Hernandez/ Rodriguez, Justin/ Clardy/ Murr** **SP: Perry**
Relating to the release of a motor vehicle accident report; amending a provision subject to a criminal penalty.
3 Floor Amendments

HB 2718 (CS) **Parker/ King, Susan/ Rose/ Villalba/ Fallon/ et al.** **SP: Ellis/ et al.**
Relating to a program to allow faith- and community-based organizations to offer supplemental assistance to certain recipients of public assistance.

HB 2772 **Martinez, "Mando"** **SP: Lucio**
Relating to the authority of certain economic development corporations to undertake and operate transportation-related projects.

HB 2926 (CS) **Anchia/ Blanco** **SP: Hinojosa**
Relating to low income housing tax credits awarded for at-risk developments.
1 Floor Amendment

HB 3106 **Huberty/ Phelan** **SP: Creighton**
Relating to the period of time allowed for appointment of a board of managers for a school district.
1 Floor Amendment

HB 3230 (LC) **Rodriguez, Justin/ Minjarez/ Guillen** **SP: Campbell**
Relating to the determination of eligible costs and expenses for purposes of the franchise tax credit for the rehabilitation of historic structures.

HB 3307 (LC) **Miller, Rick/ Flynn/ Fallon** **SP: Hinojosa**
Relating to the authority of the Employees Retirement System of Texas to make available a TRICARE Military Health System supplemental plan.

HB 3402 **Smith** **SP: Ellis**
Relating to the authority of a venue district to act as an endorsing municipality or endorsing county for purposes of games or event trust funds; authorizing a fee.

HB 3519 (CS) **Guerra/ Zerwas/ Laubenberg/ Lucio III/ Sheffield/ et al.** **SP: Watson**
Relating to reimbursement for home telemonitoring services under Medicaid.

HB 3535 (CS) **Collier/ Alvarado/ Bernal** **SP: Menéndez**
Relating to low income housing tax credits awarded for certain developments.

HB 3842 **Smithee** **SP: Seliger**
Relating to an agreement to finance and build a conference center and other appropriate facilities in or near a state park.

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

SB 1639 (CS) **Campbell/ et al.**
Relating to the procedures for municipal annexations.

The Senate suspended the regular order:

HB 3562 **Thompson, Senfronia** **SP: Rodríguez**
Relating to the adoption of a policy allowing a grace period after the exhaustion of the balance of a meal card or account used by students to purchase meals in public schools.
1 Floor Amendment

The Senate adopted the following resolutions:

HCR 108 **Hunter** **SP: Lucio**
Requesting the lieutenant governor and the speaker to create a joint interim committee to study the development and potential economic impact of a cruise industry on the Texas coast between Calhoun and Cameron Counties.

The Senate confirmed all nominees as reported by the Committee on Nominations.

Committee referral on the following:

HB 2622 **Anderson, Rodney**
Relating to the procedure for claiming an exemption from ad valorem taxation by the Dallas County Utility and Reclamation District of certain property subject to a tax abatement agreement with the district and to the validation of certain actions of the district.
Administration

HB 3099 **Fallon**

Relating to the effect of municipal annexation of the Venable Ranch Municipal Utility District No. 1 of Denton County; affecting the authority to impose a tax.
Administration

HB 3116 **Cyrier**
Relating to the regulation of groundwater with historic use by and conflicts of law for the Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District.
Administration

HB 4138 **Fletcher**
Relating to the territory included in, the composition of the board of directors of, and the powers of the Harris County Improvement District No. 17.
Administration

HB 4202 **Schofield**
Relating to the substitution of land within the boundaries of the Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 157 after the approval or issuance of district bonds payable wholly or partly from taxes.
Administration

HB 4203 **Schofield**
Relating to the substitution of land within the boundaries of the Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 159 after the approval or issuance of district bonds payable wholly or partly from taxes.
Administration

HB 4205 **Bell**
Relating to powers and duties of the Porter Special Utility District; granting a limited power of eminent domain in the defined areas or designated property; providing authority to establish defined areas or designated property, to issue bonds, and to impose taxes for the benefit of defined areas or designated property.
Administration

HB 4211 **Fletcher**
Relating to the creation of the F.M. 2920/Becker Road Municipal Utility District of Harris County; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.
Administration

HB 4212 **Hughes**
Relating to the creation of the Mineola Area Medical District; granting the authority to impose a tax and issue bonds; granting the power of eminent domain.
Administration

HCR 52 **Guillen/ Flynn/ Kuempel**
Authorizing the State Preservation Board, subject to state law and rules of the board, to approve and permit the relocation of the Texas Game Warden Memorial to a site at the State Capitol, south of the Sam Houston Building, just outside of the historical grounds.
Administration

HCR 75 **Thompson, Senfronia**
Encouraging the State Preservation Board and the director of the Bullock Texas State History Museum to establish a museum of Texas music history as a permanent and integral program within the Bullock Museum.
Administration

HCR 119 **Muñoz, Jr.**
Designating September as Valley Voter Awareness Month for a 10-year period beginning in 2015.
Administration

HCR 122 **Faircloth**
Designating the Texas Gulf shrimp as the Official State Crustacean of Texas.
Administration