

SENATE FLOOR ACTION

Wednesday
April 15, 2009

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

SB 67 (CS) (LC) Nelson

Relating to the imposition of background and criminal history check requirements for operators and employees of certain facilities and agencies serving children, the elderly, or persons who are disabled; providing criminal penalties.

1 Floor Amendment

SB 75 Nelson/ et al.

Relating to the establishment of a disaster and emergency education program.

2 Floor Amendments

SB 337 (LC) Deuell

Relating to the designation of a segment of Interstate Highway 30 in Hunt County as the Martin Luther King, Jr., Freeway.

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

Relating to funding of the Communities In Schools program.

1 Floor Amendment

SB 955 Shapiro/ et al.

Relating to the state virtual school network.

1 Floor Amendment

SB 956 (CS) West/ et al.

Relating to the establishment of a law school in the city of Dallas by the University of North Texas System.

2 Floor Amendments

SB 985 (LC) Davis, Wendy/ et al.

Relating to the lodging expenses of certain state emergency services personnel.

SB 1049 Uresti/ et al.

Relating to the distribution, possession, purchase, consumption, and receipt of tobacco products; providing penalties.

SB 1175 Patrick, Dan

Relating to the prosecution of the offense of failure to identify.

1 Floor Amendment

SB 1211 (LC) Fraser

Relating to the liability of a volunteer audiologist, assistant in audiology, speech-language pathologist, or assistant in speech-language pathology.

SB 1254 (CS) (LC) Seliger

Relating to general law limits on the eminent domain power of certain water and other special purpose districts.

1 Floor Amendment

SB 1325 (CS) Nelson/ et al.

Relating to the creation of a mental health intervention program for military veterans.

Shapiro

Relating to a Texas Youth Commission comprehensive plan to improve student reading skills and behavior.

2 Floor Amendments

Watson

Relating to a major events trust fund and an events trust fund for sporting and non-sporting events.

Fraser

Relating to a study with regard to, and the implementation of policies to promote, the adoption of plug-in hybrid electric vehicles.

1 Floor Amendment

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

Davis, Wendy

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature by general law to permit counties to assess and collect a local motor fuels tax and an additional vehicle registration fee to be used for mobility improvement projects.

The Senate adopted the following resolutions:

Ogden

Recognizing April 15, 2009, as Crockett Area Chamber of Commerce Legislative Day at the State Capitol.

Uresti

Celebrating Winkler County Day at the State Capitol.

Uresti

Recognizing April 15, 2009, as Reeves County Day at the State Capitol.

Uresti

Recognizing April 15, 2009, as Ward County Day at the State Capitol.

**Shapiro/ Carona/ Ellis/ Eltife/
Fraser/ et al.**

Commending Colt McCoy for his many contributions to his team and community.

Gallegos/ Jackson, Mike

In memory of Damion Jon Hobbs of Houston.

Gallegos

In memory of Captain James Arthur Harlow, Sr.

SP: Sheffield

Recognizing April 12 through 18, 2009, as Texas Fraternal Week.

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

SP: Corte/ et al.

Relating to resident tuition rates and fees at public institutions of higher education for certain veterans and their spouses and children.

Committee referral on the following:

Jackson, Mike

Granting MBP Corp. permission to sue the Board of Trustees of the Galveston Wharves.

Jurisprudence

Gallegos

Relating to the board of directors of the Greater East End Management District.

Intergovernmental Relations

SB 2523 Williams
 Relating to the possession and consumption of wine on the premise of a mixed beverage or private club permittee, providing for separate statement of the mixed beverage tax.
Administration

SB 2524 Williams
 Relating to the creation of the Liberty County Municipal Utility District No. 6; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds; granting a limited power of eminent domain.
Intergovernmental Relations

SB 2525 Deuell
 Relating to the creation of the Kaufman County Parks Improvement District; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds; providing penalties.
Intergovernmental Relations

SB 2526 Watson
 Relating to the creation of the Travis and Burnet Counties Improvement District No. 1; providing authority to impose an assessment, impose a tax, and issue bonds.
Intergovernmental Relations

HJR 29 Elkins/ et al.
 Proposing a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to override a veto of the governor following a legislative session.
State Affairs

HB 328 Heflin
 Relating to abolishing the office of inspector of hides and animals.
Agriculture & Rural Affairs

HB 401 Raymond/ Phillips/ Guillen
 Relating to the authority of certain political subdivisions to change the date of their general elections.
State Affairs

HB 651 Darby
 Relating to compensation of certain persons by a domestic insurance company.
Business & Commerce

HB 652 Darby
 Relating to licensing of escrow officers.
Business & Commerce

HB 1213 Rios Ybarra
 Relating to the promulgation by the commissioner of the General Land Office of rules authorizing the use on a public beach of a golf cart for the transportation of a person with a physical disability.
Natural Resources

HB 1232 Menendez
 Relating to establishing a local behavioral health intervention pilot project.
Health & Human Services

HB 1282 McClendon/ Riddle/ Hodge/ Vo/ et al.
 Relating to the penalty for theft of a driver's license, commercial driver's license, or personal identification certificate.
Criminal Justice

HB 1300 Turner, Chris
 Relating to the creation of the Kennedale TownCenter Development District; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds.
Intergovernmental Relations

HB 1363 Gutierrez/ Castro
 Relating to the diabetes mellitus registry pilot program.
Health & Human Services

HB 1382 **Davis, Yvonne**
Relating to assessment of certain charges by a commercial landlord that is a governmental entity.
Business & Commerce

HB 1406 **Geren/ Kuempel/ Thompson/ Menendez/ Hamilton**
Relating to practices and professions regulated by the Texas Real Estate Commission.
Business & Commerce

HB 1484 **Pitts**
Relating to the use of certain professional titles by interior designers.
Business & Commerce

HB 1580 **Flynn/ Miller, Sid/ Kolkhorst/ McClendon**
Relating to the continuation and functions of the board of directors of the official cotton growers' boll weevil eradication foundation.
Government Organization

HB 1622 **Giddings/ Rios Ybarra/ Crabb/ et al.**
Relating to a grant program to provide children at risk of hunger or obesity with increased access to nutritious foods.
Health & Human Services

HB 1672 **Crownover/ Zerwas/ Coleman/ Dukes/ Shelton/ et al.**
Relating to newborn screening.
Health & Human Services

HB 1786 **Kuempel**
Relating to notice of proposed increases in fees charged by the Parks and Wildlife Department for certain permits.
Natural Resources

HB 1908 **King, Tracy O.**
Relating to the safety of the fresh fruit and vegetables produced in this state.
Agriculture & Rural Affairs

HB 1974 **Hamilton**
Relating to distilled spirits samplings by the holder of a distiller's and rectifier's permit.
Business & Commerce

HB 2030 **Zerwas**
Relating to the Medicaid Drug Utilization Review Program and prescription drug use under the Medicaid program.
Health & Human Services

HB 2058 **Gallego/ Miklos/ Hodge/ Lucio III/ Christian**
Relating to the standards for attorneys representing indigent defendants in capital cases.
Jurisprudence

HB 2064 **Smithee/ Hardcastle/ Eiland/ Bohac/ Alonzo/ et al.**
Relating to premium discounts for certain participants in the Texas Health Insurance Risk Pool and to related tax credits for health benefit plan issuers.
State Affairs

HB 2073 **Bonnen**
Relating to plans by local governments in coastal areas for reducing public expenditures for erosion and storm damage losses to public and private property.
Natural Resources

HB 2101 **Pierson**
Relating to the place for the convening of a county convention.
State Affairs

HB 2104 **Geren**
Relating to the statute of limitations for an action under the Beer Industry Fair Dealing Law.
Business & Commerce

HB 2238 **Hamilton**
Relating to the regulation of manufactured housing.
Business & Commerce

HB 2310 **Kuempel**
Relating to the powers and duties of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, including the power to issue emergency orders and temporary and emergency licenses.
Business & Commerce

HB 2457 **Eiland**
Relating to the duty of the General Land Office to clean, maintain, and clear debris from a public beach affected by a declared disaster.
Natural Resources

HB 2666 **Ritter**
Relating to the authority of the Lower Neches Valley Authority to acquire, own, operate, maintain, and improve the Devers Canal System, its water rights, and associated property.
Natural Resources

HB 2763 **Kuempel**
Relating to the regulation of industrialized housing and buildings.
Education

(CS) COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
(LC) RECOMMENDED FOR LOCAL CALENDAR