SENATE FLOOR ACTION

Wednesday April 16, 2025

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

SB 22 (CS) Huffman/ et al.

Relating to the Texas moving image industry incentive program and the establishment and funding of the Texas moving image industry incentive fund.

1 Floor Amendment

SB 39 Birdwell/ et al.

Relating to civil liability of a commercial motor vehicle owner or operator.

SB 75 (CS) Hall/ Alvarado/ Bettencourt/ Blanco/ Campbell/ et al.

Relating to the resilience of the electric grid and certain municipalities.

SB 626 (LC) Flores

Relating to inservice training on identifying abuse, neglect, and illegal, unprofessional, and unethical conduct in certain health care facilities.

SB 926 (CS) (LC) Hancock/ et al.

Relating to certain practices of health benefit plan issuers to encourage the use of certain physicians and health care providers and rank physicians.

1 Floor Amendment

SB 1080 (CS) West/ et al.

Relating to the revocation of an occupational license from certain license holders and the issuance of a provisional occupational license to certain applicants with criminal convictions.

1 Floor Amendment

SB 1099 (CS) Flores/ et al.

Relating to increasing the criminal penalty for certain offenses committed by an illegal alien.

SB 1177 (CS) Alvarado/ et al.

Relating to fire safety inspections at public and private schools.

SB 1506 (CS) (LC) Parker/ et al.

Relating to the frequency with which the Board of Pardons and Paroles reconsiders inmates for release on parole.

SB 1577 Parker

Relating to the temporary sale of alcoholic beverages at certain racing facilities.

SB 1646 (CS) (LC) King/ et al.

Relating to criminal conduct involving the theft or unauthorized possession of copper or brass and to the sale of copper or brass material to metal recycling entities; creating criminal offenses; providing an administrative penalty.

1 Floor Amendment

SB 1806 (CS) (LC) Sparks

Relating to the inspection, purchase, sale, possession, storage, transportation, and disposal of petroleum products, oil and gas equipment, and oil and gas waste; creating criminal offenses and increasing the punishment for an existing criminal offense.

SB 2122 Zaffirini

Relating to imposition of application fees for certain permits and permit amendments for the disposal of oil and gas waste.

1 Floor Amendment

SB 2226 Nichols/ et al.

Relating to requirements for loans or grants provided by the Texas Transportation Commission to aviation facilities located in economically disadvantaged counties.

SB 2361 (CS) Kolkhorst/ Bettencourt

Relating to the transfer of the University of Houston--Victoria to The Texas A&M University System.

2 Floor Amendments

SB 2420 (CS) (LC) Paxton/ et al.

Relating to the regulation of platforms for the sale and distribution of software applications for mobile devices.

2 Floor Amendments

SB 2421 Paxton/ et al.

Relating to electronic device filters for certain obsene materials; providing a civil penalty; creating a criminal offense.

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

SB 30 (CS) Schwertner/ et al.

Relating to recovery of damages in civil actions.

2 Floor Amendments

SB 552 Huffman/ et al.

Relating to changing the eligibility of certain persons to receive community supervision, including deferred adjudication community supervision.

1 Floor Amendment

SB 964 (CS) (LC) Hughes/ et al.

Relating to the appearance of a personal identification certificate or driver's license issued to a person who is not a citizen of the United States.

SB 1927 (CS) Hinojosa, Adam/ et al.

Relating to municipal regulation of the removal of an Ashe juniper tree.

SB 1962 (CS) Bettencourt/ Campbell/

Creighton/ Hagenbuch/ King/

et al.

Relating to the assessment of public school students, public school accountability and actions, and proceedings challenging the operations of the public school system.

4 Floor Amendments

SB 2023 Blanco/ et al.

Relating to the establishment of a grant program to support the disposition of deceased paupers' bodies.

The Senate adopted the following resolutions:

SR 393 Perry/ et al.

Recognizing April 16, 2025, as Texas Juvenile Justice Professional Day at the State Capitol.

SR 412 Gutierrez/ et al.

Recognizing April 16, 2025 as Whataburger Wednesday.

SR 414 Miles/ Alvarado/ Bettencourt/

West

Recognizing St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church Day at the State Capitol on April 16, 2025.

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

Committee referral on the following:

SJR 85 Bettencourt

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to increase the amount of the exemption from ad valorem taxation by a school district of the market value of the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled.

Local Government

SCR 48 Middleton

Urging the Gulf Coast Protection District and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to not compromise navigation safety or two-way traffic vessel movement when implementing a project.

Natural Resources

SB 23 Bettencourt

Relating to an increase in the amount of the exemption from ad valorem taxation by a school district of the appraised value of the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled and the protection of school districts against certain losses in local revenue.

Local Government

SB 3047 Zaffirini

Relating to the creation of the Pura Vida Municipal Management District No. 1; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes; granting a limited power of eminent domain.

Local Government

HB 39 Lopez, Ray/ Hunter/ Hefner/ et al.

Relating to information and data regarding the incidence of veteran deaths in this state.

Veteran Affairs

HB 102 Wilson/ et al.

Relating to early registration for students in military-related programs at public institutions of higher education

Veteran Affairs

HB 300 Wilson/ et al.

Relating to the Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program.

Veteran Affairs

HB 500 Bonnen

Relating to making supplemental appropriations and reductions in appropriations and giving direction and adjustment authority regarding appropriations.

Finance

HB 1400 Harris/ Troxclair/ Jones, Venton/

et al.

Relating to creation of the groundwater science, research, and innovation fund to be administered by the Texas Water Development Board.

Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

HB 2143 Metcalf/ Bell, Cecil

Relating to the designation of a portion of Farm-to-Market Road 1097 in Montgomery County as the Army Specialist Joey Lenz Memorial Highway.

Transportation

HCR 64 Curry/ Ashby/ et al.

Designating the first full week in April as Gifted and Talented Students Week for a 10-year period ending in 2035.

Administration

HCR 101 King/ et al.

Designating the tomahawk rib-eye steak as the official State Steak of Texas and directing the Texas Department of Agriculture to promote the tomahawk rib-eye steak as part of efforts to support Texas beef and agricultural products.

Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

(CS) COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

(LC) RECOMMENDED FOR LOCAL CALENDAR