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(Thursday, April 1, 2021)

The Senate met at 1:40 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the President.

The roll was called and the following Senators were present: Alvarado, Bettencourt, Birdwell, Blanco, Buckingham, Campbell, Creighton, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, Hall, Hancock, Hinojosa, Huffman, Hughes, Johnson, Kolkhorst, Lucio, Menéndez, Miles, Nelson, Nichols, Paxton, Perry, Powell, Schwertner, Seliger, Springer, Taylor, West, Whitmire, Zaffirini.

The President announced that a quorum of the Senate was present.

Senator Perry offered the invocation as follows:

Heavenly Father, we just thank You for the God that You are. First of all, we love You, we thank You, and we need You. As we come across the couple of days where Your son died for us on Friday and rose again on Sunday, we're reminded of that eternal gift of salvation. We're also reminded that only You and Satan can change the course of government and we're the tools that are to implement that change. I just want the wisdom to know who is leading us each and every day. Let it be Your will and it not ours that gets done. Thank You for the sweet spirit even in the times of contentious debate. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Senator Whitmire moved that the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day be dispensed with and the Journal be approved as printed.

The motion prevailed without objection.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS and RESOLUTIONS POSTPONED

The President announced that the introduction of bills and resolutions on first reading would be postponed until the end of today's session.

There was no objection.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING CALL

The President at 1:41 a.m. announced the conclusion of morning call.

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 7 ON THIRD READING

Senator Hughes moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration **CSSB 7** at this time on its third reading and final passage:

CSSB 7, Relating to elections, including election integrity and security; creating criminal offenses; providing civil penalties.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 18, Nays 13.

Yeas: Bettencourt, Birdwell, Buckingham, Campbell, Creighton, Hall, Hancock, Huffman, Hughes, Kolkhorst, Nelson, Nichols, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Seliger, Springer, Taylor.

Nays: Alvarado, Blanco, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, Hinojosa, Johnson, Lucio, Menéndez, Miles, Powell, West, Whitmire, Zaffirini.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 18, Nays 13. (Same as previous roll call)

REMARKS ORDERED PRINTED

On motion of Senator Eckhardt and by unanimous consent, the remarks regarding **CSSB 7** on third reading were ordered reduced to writing and printed in the *Senate Journal* as follows:

President: Senator Zaffirini, you're recognized to speak on the bill, and then I'll come to you, Senator Menéndez.

Senator Zaffirini: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President and Members, I rise respectfully in opposition to Senate Bill 7, and like my Democratic colleagues in the Texas Senate, I'm in disbelief that our esteemed body would consider legislation we consider detrimental to countless persons of color. We urge you not only to hear our voices as we express them as this letter that you received, signed by us but also to consider the testimony of the many witnesses who expressed their deep concerns when our State Affairs Committee heard 13 hours of testimony last Friday. Proponents of this legislation claim it is necessary to counteract fraud in our elections. The State Affairs Committee heard testimony from persons with many different perspectives. None offered compelling evidence that our 2020 election was anything other than honestly run, fairly adjudicated, and somewhat better attended. What we did hear, however, were numerous pleas from our fellow Texans not to do this. We heard from men and women of color who interpret Senate Bill 7 as yet another sign that those who control their state do not welcome their participation, who fear, not from suspicion but from experience, their privacy will be invaded by poll watchers who would videotape them not because of their actions but because of the color of their skin. Representatives of the NAACP, LULAC, and MALDEF testified that historically disenfranchised communities of color would be disproportionately impacted by the provisions of Senate Bill 7. I agree. Every minority Member of the Texas Senate, all nine of us, believe that this bill will impact minorities negatively by making it more difficult for African Americans and Mexican Americans to vote, making it easier for them to be harassed by overzealous poll watchers, and diminishing the likelihood that election outcomes will represent the preferences of we

the people. Times change. People change. Situations change. Eventually, the political pendulum will swing. I look forward to the day when we focus on revitalizing our democracy by making it easier for every eligible Texan to vote. This bill violates the privacy of every Texan, the access to voting of persons of color, the inclusionary principles of our republic, and the United States Constitution. For these and many other reasons, I will respectfully vote "no" on the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 7. Thank you, Mr. President and Members.

President: Thank you, Senator. Senator Menéndez now. You may speak.

Senator Menéndez: Mr. President, I also rise in opposition to the Committee Substitute to Senate Bill 7. Senators, I know it's late, I'm going to be brief. I think Senator Zaffirini said it very well, but as the son of two immigrant parents whose first language was Spanish, but who became citizens as soon as they could and never missed an election afterwards, there are just too many things in this bill that concern me, and, you know, for, in particular, for any poll watcher that's not trained or in any way certified or vetted to be able to have the ability to record, photograph anyone for whatever their potential suspicion. and the question is, what is, what would that suspicion be. and none of us are going to be there. We're not going to be there watching. We're going to rely on a judge. Where is that judge going to be who's going to, after the fact, as after the person has been intimidated after they, they see the camera in their face? I just don't understand. I think we, I know that we can be better than this. I understand the issues that have come up. The only issues where anyone has ever been able to prove or find any type of fraud has been in the mail balloting. and I think we should just focus on, on that issue. I think we should focus on tracking, if you could do it appropriately, the ballot from the moment that it's been requested to the moment that it's been sent in. But there's just too much, this Senate Bill 7 is just an overreach. It's an overreach that's going to negatively affect so many. It's going to make it harder for us to get election officials when you create a criminal offense, a Class A misdemeanor, which means up to a year in jail and a fine up to \$4,000. It's just, it just doesn't make sense, and so for this and many other reasons, I also respectfully will be voting "no" on Committee Substitute to Senate Bill 7.

President: Thank you, Senator. Senator West, you're recognized.

Senator West: Thank you very much, Mr. President and Members. Out of all due respect, I will be voting "no" also. When will truly be we the people, illusive dream that my forefathers had, my grandfather, my father, in terms of the Constitution of this country, being we the people. Friends, colleagues, the action of passing this particular bill's not indicative of we the people of this country. For we have told you and asked questions about the participation of your fellow colleagues, your friends, happen to be Latino and African American, about this particular bill and its impact on our communities. We have made clear that in preparing this particular bill filing we had no input. Civil rights organizations had no input. We have suggested to you different instances in this particular bill that smacks of suppression. You have not heard us. I hope one day that you will hear us, not only hear us but listen to us, feel us, understand, walk in our shoes, my ancestors'. Passage of this bill tonight, it's clear that on these issues y'all have not understood our plight in this country.

President: Senator Johnson, for what purpose?

Senator Johnson: Comment on the bill. Thank you, Mr. President and Members. I think this bail, this bill fails to achieve its purpose, purpose is to increase election integrity. I think we've undermined election integrity, per point of the election integrity is so that we have confidence in the vote. and I think that we've had a season of nothing going wrong, and we've got measures that are supposed to fix this phantom beast of voter fraud. and the reason I think it fails, I think it fails in two directions. and I'm trying to hold on to them because it's tired. There's two points. There's this narrative out there that because some elections maybe somewhere didn't go the way we wanted them to go or the way somebody didn't want them to go, that one group of people, and it gets partisan here, the Democrats voted fraudulently, and that they're prone to it. We have such a divisive feeling in our country, such mistrust between Republicans and Democrats and it goes back and forth, that level of mistrust. and the whole notion of fixing something that's not broken validates what, in my mind and many of my colleagues' minds, is a false narrative. and it tells Republican voters we've got to fix this, and so we're doing this big bill. and it makes people mistrust each other further in the absence of a reason for it. and in the process, when we bring this big, oversized hammer down on a nonexistent problem, you're losing the trust of the Democrats. Now, the Democrats think Republicans are just out to get us. and so, the Republicans are believing more than ever that the Democrats want to steal elections and the Democrats are believing more than ever that the Republicans are just out to suppress the vote. and we're left with an election system that nobody has confidence in on either side. I hope, I hope all of that just goes away and that the provisions of this bill don't really have any effect on anything because people are going to vote and they weren't going to do anything in the first place because there wasn't a problem. But I fear that it will have a depressive effect on the vote and that it will stoke the mistrust between people in different parties at precisely a time when that's the worst thing we could do to our polity. So, I'm sad that this is going to pass tonight. Thank you.

President: Thank you, Senator. Senator Hinojosa? I'm sorry Senator Blanco. I'm sorry, Senator Hinojosa, you're next. Senator Blanco.

Senator Blanco: Thank you, Mr. President. I respectfully rise to speak against the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 7. Members, the right to vote has been fought ever since our Constitution was adopted, and in Texas we've come a long way from our dark history of intentional voter suppression and of voter intimidation. and Texas history of disenfranchising voters, from holding white-only primaries to barring people from voting based on the color of their skin or whether they speak English, to outright intimidation and closing voting locations in minority locations. It was so notorious that for years the state had to get United States Department of Justice approval for any election changes under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act. Now, we're not subject to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act, and we have to be careful that we don't fall back to the old practices. We've come a long way in guaranteeing the franchise to our citizens in this state for minorities, for the youth, for women. But it's up to us to protect it, to cherish the right for all of our constituents because all of us under this bill have constituents that will be negatively affected. Now, I believe

everyone on this floor wants a free and secure election, but what I'm concerned about, what I'm concerned about, what we're doing here today is going to take us down a slippery slope in the name of election security. Based on expert testimony on Senate Bill 7, it presents a strong risk of the unconstitutional treatment of legally registered voters and applicants. It may open the door to voter intimidation, as we've heard today, and it could possibly disenfranchise eligible Texas voters. Members, I do not believe that there is mass election security problems. We have not seen any evidence to support that there's widespread fraud. But, Members, if there is a problem, I know collectively, together as Republicans and as Democrats, as individuals who represent rural communities as well as urban communities, that we can solve anything. I just don't know that what we're doing today solves much with this bill. and I get worked up on bills like this because, because of our history. Because of what our state has, where it's been and where we've gone. So, we should remember why Texas became subject to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act decades ago. and I know that we don't want the federal government telling us what to do and how to govern our state. But we need to be mindful that we're going down a very dangerous path and we're backtracking. We're backtracking on the hard fought progress that we've made. So, Members, I want to close with this, and yesterday was Cesar Chavez Day in Texas. A civil rights hero in our great country, and I want to close with one of his famous quotes. He said, we don't need perfect political systems; we need perfect participation. and, Members, I hope that we can work together in the future to protect perfect participation in our elections, but sadly today, we are adding barriers to participation. and history's going to judge today's actions. Thank you, Mr. President.

President: Thank you, Senator. Senator Hinojosa.

Senator Hinojosa: Thank you, Mr. President and Members. I wasn't planning to speak at the end of the debates that we had today. Been a long day. But I had to share a couple of my comments, my observations on Senate Bill 7. You know, our great nation, quite frankly, has an ugly history, very ugly, about voter suppression. Since the Reconstruction days after the Civil War, there's always been an effort to find ways to restrict the voting rights of minorities, not only African Americans but Hispanics. It is really amazing to me that this last election there was so much allegations and brainwashing, quite frankly, of a large segment of our population that the election was stolen, that there was voter fraud. and I asked Senator Hughes, as an attorney, when people make allegations you need evidence. You need evidence of voter fraud and there were over 60 lawsuits filed, rulings throughout the nation, and there was no evidence to support voter fraud. and I know this is a nationwide strategy by the Republican Party, Mr. President, nationwide, in every state now, most every state, the majority of states here in our nation where bills like this have been introduced to find ways to restrict the voting rights of American citizens. That's what's happening, and the focus is right on the back of African Americans, Hispanics, and people who are powerless. We have voter ID, we reduce voting times, we restrict registration, approaching voter rolls, again and again trying to find ways of how to restrict the right of people to vote. Yes, there's some issues in terms of voter fraud. We can focus on that and solve that, but the system we have in place is working. The lawsuits that being filed on allegation of voter fraud, not a single one was there a finding of voter fraud that were filed in the last election, especially presidential election. About half a

dozen of them went to the United States Supreme Court. United States Supreme Court dismissed those lawsuits. Even the State of Texas filed a lawsuit trying to set aside some of the voting results out of Pennsylvania and Georgia. and even many Republican public officials were in charge of voters, voting elections in different states, asserted and supported and said this voting that took place in this past election was a safe one, a secure one, and there was no voter fraud. It's really amazing to me that here we are trying to find ways and justifying by election integrity. Well, my friends, we do have election integrity. We do have a lot of laws in place and we do prosecute people that commit voter fraud, but I don't think this vote is an answer. It really, again, repeats history in ways, and we try to find ways to discourage people from registering to vote, try to find ways to intimidate voters, especially making crimes of voting mistakes that are made by a voter, and, and it's really a, what I consider a bad bill, not republic policy. It's very damaging to our democracy when we have legislation that is there trying to encourage people to vote so democracy can flourish. We try to find ways to set obstacles to our citizens of this great country of ours. and that's why I plan to vote against Senate Bill 7. Thank you, Mr. President and Members.

President: Thank you, Senator. Senator Whitmire.

Senator Whitmire: Thank you, Mr. President and Members. Members, I rise to join my colleagues in opposition to what I believe is an unnecessary piece of legislation. I, only thing good I can say about, as I stand before you, is we've had a respectful debate for the most part. But first of all, I'll point out, Mr. President, if we hadn't changed the rules, we'd of never taken this piece of legislation up. If we'd had the two-thirds rule or the three-fifths, we'd still be talking about what I think we could agree on, anything you bring up be improved. There's no question there's flaws in the electoral process, and we've witnessed it, long lines, anger on both sides of our communities, some urban, some rural. But, Senator Hall, I don't know what happened to the Freedom Caucus, you need to have a roll call of who believes in less government, who are the true conservatives on this Senate floor, because if someone landed from Mars, was observing today, they'd be real confused. Because the people that I've watched come to this body, represented the conservative base of this state, you just went for the biggest increase in government that I've witnessed in a long time. The very idea that you videotape someone for exercising their right to vote and, yes, Senator Hughes, you can say it's not going to be released to the public. Of course, there will be leaks and folks for political purpose leak it, things that we can't even imagine right now. The idea that some good person wants to take someone, the disabled community to vote and he or she's got to submit their name and who they are just for doing a good deed. and someone might have suggested that he had a preference in who you ought to vote for as you're getting off the van. That's been going on and been a part of the democratic process as long as anyone can remember. But as Senator West, and I'll continue to refer to what he said yesterday, elections matter. You've got the gavel, and I've said many times as a Chairman of a committee, if you've got the gavel, Senator Nelson, you can do about what you want to. and in this instance, it's a new day, we've witnessed it. I think we haven't seen the end of it. But I will promise you this is not the last time we're going to visit this subject. I think we'll see what the House does, and, ultimately, we all know the courts will review

this. But I'm disappointed because I don't think this is why the folks wanted us to use one of the few 140 days. Yes, if you want to be governed by polls, you can poll people, would you'd like the Legislature to take up the issue of voter fraud. Of course, I'm surprised that anyone would disagree with that because not a person on this floor stands for voter fraud. We didn't get there that way, we don't want it to be a part of our next reelection but to take some isolated case, maybe a Republican situation that's been referenced, maybe a couple of Democrats. But think, think how many elections are held in this state on an annual basis involving millions of people, hundreds of candidates, it's a beautiful system. We ought to be proud of it. If we really are concerned about the electoral process, Senator Hughes, why don't we have voter education? Why don't, you know, I've passed laws, Senator West and I teamed up to say students in high school have to learn what they should do when they have contact with law enforcement, and I hear it's working well. Senator Hughes, why don't we have civic classes requiring students to learn about the proper process of voting and for sure they've got to vote? Why don't we give incentives to people to go vote? Why don't we have a voting holiday? This could have been a positive experience that we could all walk out of here and join hands, go home, and brag about how we've opened the process for bipartisanship and coming together for fair, successful elections. But, no, it's turned into a punitive experience with the language of this bill. I've given my whole adult life to being an elected official. I wouldn't stand for someone to be cheating, neither would none of you because that's not what we stand for, that's not what this gentleman over here went to Vietnam to protect. So, as I said, the only good, I've watched the body language, there's been a couple of, during the break, some communication, and I hope this will not be the final chapter, Mr. President, because I think we can do better than what we've done today and represent the diversity of this state, respect the two parties, and not become part of the wave that's crossing this nation of divisiveness, and not respecting the outcome of an election because it really gets to our foundation of who we are as a people and the wars that have been fought. and, as Senator Blanco, you were so eloquent a moment ago, we've come so far for anyone to think that we're sliding and going in the wrong direction. Thank you for allowing me to speak.

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 12 ON THIRD READING

Senator Hughes moved to suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration CSSB 12 at this time on its third reading and final passage:

CSSB 12, Relating to complaint procedures and disclosure requirements for social media platforms and to the censorship of users' expressions by an interactive computer service.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 18, Nays 13.

Yeas: Bettencourt, Birdwell, Buckingham, Campbell, Creighton, Hall, Hancock, Huffman, Hughes, Kolkhorst, Nelson, Nichols, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Seliger, Springer, Taylor.

Nays: Alvarado, Blanco, Eckhardt, Gutierrez, Hinojosa, Johnson, Lucio, Menéndez, Miles, Powell, West, Whitmire, Zaffirini.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 18, Nays 13. (Same as previous roll call)

REMARKS ORDERED PRINTED

On motion of Senator Eckhardt and by unanimous consent, the remarks by Senator Gutierrez regarding **CSSB 12** were ordered reduced to writing and printed in the *Senate Journal* as follows:

Yes. Thank you, Governor. Just to speak against the bill and we're all very tired. I'm going to keep this to about a minute and a half. You know, we've been warned already by Dean Whitmire that a party, your party, is going down the road of big government. I just want to be clear, I want to just say something because this is important. You know Facebook is a web based business. It isn't a pipeline, Senator Hughes. It's not a railroad, it's not a town square, which belongs to all of us, and you know that. It's a web page, it's a business that trades its users' private information for its own profit. You know that. Don't want you to weep for Facebook. They've acted miserably over the last five years, but I don't get to tell them what to publish, just like I don't tell The Dallas Morning News or the Express-News in San Antonio or the Tribune. and I think that it's important that we recognize that sometimes your successes as a party over the last 20 years, be careful what you do going forward because sometimes you overreach, and I'm, respectfully, I think you've overreached in this situation because what we're buying here today, you have to ask yourself, we're not buying any more freedom. We're not buying a better marketplace with, in ideas. The only thing that we're buying here today is more litigation, more time in court, and you can take your pick on how that's going to happen: through the equal protection clause violations or the First Amendment or a complicated form of taking or the fact that the State of Texas is interfering with the privity of contract. I just want you to know, there's no fixes to this bill. Facebook, whether you like it or not, is a business. It is not a common carrier. I respectively vote "no" on this bill.

SENATE RULE 11.13 SUSPENDED (Consideration of Bills in Committees) (Motion In Writing)

Senator Schwertner submitted the following Motion In Writing:

Mr. President:

I move to suspend Senate Rule 11.13 so that committees may meet during the reading and referral of bills.

SCHWERTNER

The Motion In Writing was read and prevailed without objection.

SENATE RULES SUSPENDED (Posting Rules)

On motion of Senator Kolkhorst and by unanimous consent, Senate Rule 11.10(a) and Senate Rule 11.18(a) were suspended in order that the Committee on Health and Human Services might during the reading and referral of bills today.

MOTION TO RECESS

On motion of Senator Whitmire and by unanimous consent, the Senate at 2:17 a.m. agreed to recess, pending completion of the introduction of bills and resolutions on first reading and the receipt of committee reports, until 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 6, 2021.

(Senator Hughes in Chair)

SENATE BILLS and RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

The following bills and resolutions were introduced, read first time, and referred to the committees indicated:

SB 1901 by Zaffirini

Relating to ensuring political subdivisions hold elections required by law.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1902 by Perry

Relating to municipal registration of vacant buildings in certain municipalities.

To Committee on Local Government.

SB 1903 by Whitmire

Relating to the state's continuing duty to disclose exculpatory, impeachment, or mitigating evidence in a criminal case and prohibited retaliation against local assistant prosecutors for discharging that duty.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1904 by Blanco

Relating to authorizing the extension of deadlines for filing or paying state taxes for persons adversely affected by a disaster.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 1905 by Blanco

Relating to authorizing an optional county fee imposed on an applicant for a motor vehicle certificate of title.

To Committee on Transportation.

SB 1906 by Blanco

Relating to the purposes for which property must be used to be eligible for ad valorem tax benefits under the Texas Economic Development Act.

To Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development.

SB 1907 by Blanco

Relating to a feasibility study on the colocation of federal and state motor vehicle inspection facilities at ports of entry.

To Committee on Transportation.

SB 1908 by Blanco

Relating to the purchase of cybersecurity insurance coverage by the Texas Department of Transportation.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 1909 by Blanco

Relating to the licensing of certain military veterans as health care providers to practice in underserved areas.

To Committee on Veteran Affairs & Border Security.

SB 1910 by Blanco

Relating to the authority of the Texas Department of Transportation to provide road services on federal military property.

To Committee on Transportation.

SB 1911 by Blanco

Relating to the content of an application for Medicaid.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 1912 by Blanco

Relating to continued household eligibility for supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits on the ineligibility of the head of household for failure to comply with certain work requirements.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 1913 by Blanco

Relating to the permitting of medical waste facilities by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

To Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development.

SB 1914 by Blanco

Relating to excluding the value of motor vehicles in determining eligibility for the supplemental nutrition assistance program.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 1915 by Blanco

Relating to the provision of recovery community organization peer-to-peer services under Medicaid.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 1916 by Blanco

Relating to the state purchasing preference for recycled, remanufactured, or environmentally sensitive products.

To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 1917 by Lucio

Relating to a public outreach campaign for aging adults with visual impairments.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 1918 by Lucio

Relating to the duties of school district peace officers and school resource officers.

To Committee on Education.

SB 1919 by Lucio

Relating to the authority of a property owner to participate by videoconference at a protest hearing by an appraisal review board.

To Committee on Local Government.

SB 1920 by Lucio

Relating to the regulation of historical racing pari-mutuel wagering by licensed horse and greyhound racetracks and the distribution of certain live, simulcast, and historical pari-mutuel pools.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1921 by Lucio

Relating to Medicaid reimbursement for the provision of certain behavioral health and physical health services.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 1922 by Lucio

Relating to restrictions on municipal regulation in certain areas.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1923 by Zaffirini

Relating to certain criminal court costs, fines, and fees.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 1924 by Zaffirini

Relating to notice of water and wastewater requirements for the foreclosure sale of residential properties by certain political subdivisions.

To Committee on Local Government.

SB 1925 by Hughes

Relating to the publication of the record of voters who voted in an election.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1926 by Hughes

Relating to a private civil cause of action against local entities and campus police departments that violate certain laws related to immigration enforcement.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1927 by Hughes

Relating to a period of prayer in public schools and at school-sponsored athletic events.

To Committee on Education.

SB 1928 by Hughes

Relating to requiring state contractors and political subdivisions of this state to participate in the federal electronic verification of employment authorization program, or E-verify, and authorizing the suspension of certain licenses held by private employers for the knowing employment of unauthorized aliens; authorizing a fee.

SB 1929 by Hughes

Relating to the availability of certain remedies for the burdening by a government agency of a person's free exercise of religion.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1930 by Hughes

Relating to prohibiting consideration of certain factors in student admissions to public institutions of higher education in this state.

To Committee on Higher Education.

SB 1931 by Hughes

Relating to the removal of a decedent's remains.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1932 by Hughes

Relating to durable powers of attorney and the construction of certain powers conferred in those powers of attorney.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1933 by Hughes

Relating to trusts.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1934 by Hughes

Relating to the authority granted under and form of a medical power of attorney.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1935 by Hughes

Relating to recovery under uninsured and underinsured motorist insurance coverage.

To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 1936 by Hughes

Relating to the beginning and ending possession times in certain standard possession orders in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1937 by Hughes

Relating to decedents' estates and the delivery of certain notices or other communications in connection with those estates or multiple-party accounts.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1938 by Creighton

Relating to the representation of parties in justice court cases and to the correction or removal of certain obsolete provisions of the Property Code.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1939 by Creighton

Relating to organization of, meetings of, and voting by condominium unit owners' associations and property owners' associations.

SB 1940 by Gutierrez

Relating to the operation and administration of and practice and procedure related to proceedings in the judicial branch of state government.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 1941 by Gutierrez

Relating to the creation of a hyperemesis strategic plan.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 1942 by Gutierrez

Relating to the creation of public facility corporations and requirements applicable to public facility corporations.

To Committee on Local Government.

SB 1943 by Gutierrez

Relating to the reduction of school district property taxes as a result of the school facilities allotment.

To Committee on Education.

SB 1944 by Lucio, Bettencourt, Campbell, Johnson, Springer, Zaffirini

Relating to end-of-life issues and hospice care.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 1945 by Lucio

Relating to the terminology used to describe transportation-related accidents.

To Committee on Transportation.

SB 1946 by Springer

Relating to the rulemaking authority of the University Interscholastic League To Committee on Education.

SB 1947 by Springer

Relating to the time for the issuance of municipal building permits.

To Committee on Local Government.

SB 1948 by Springer

Relating the delivery of alcoholic beverages from certain premises to ultimate consumers.

To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 1949 by Hancock

Relating to qualifications for the directors of the Dallas County Flood Control District No. 1.

To Committee on Local Government.

SB 1950 by Paxton

Relating to the use of securitization by electric cooperatives to address extraordinary costs and expenses resulting from Winter Storm Uri.

To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 1951 by Paxton

Relating to property owners' associations.

SB 1952 by Paxton

Relating to the capture and use of an individual's biometric identifiers, specimen, or genetic information by a governmental body or peace officer or by a person for commercial purposes.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1953 by Paxton

Relating to the procedures for requesting or applying for certain ad valorem tax refunds and exemptions.

To Committee on Local Government.

SB 1954 by Hancock

Relating to the pledge or encumbrance of an insurer's assets under the Asset Protection Act.

To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 1955 by Taylor

Relating to exemptions from local government regulations and other measures for the operation of a learning pod by parents of children participating in the learning pod and individuals assisting those parents.

To Committee on Education.

SB 1956 by Creighton

Relating to in-person visitation with hospital patients during certain periods of disaster.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 1957 by Creighton

Relating to the authority for road projects of the Blaketree Municipal Utility District No. 1 of Montgomery County.

To Committee on Local Government.

SB 1958 by Creighton

Relating to the disbursement of funds from a trust fund account by a title insurance company, title insurance agent, or escrow officer.

To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 1959 by Creighton

Relating to the provision of parks and recreational facilities by water districts.

To Committee on Local Government.

SB 1960 by West

Relating to the eligibility of certain children who are or were in foster care for free prekindergarten programs in public schools.

To Committee on Education.

SB 1961 by West

Relating to the requirements for a request for the revision of a charter for an open-enrollment charter school.

To Committee on Education.

SB 1962 by West

Relating to certain open-enrollment charter school admission policies and the consideration of the number of special education eligible students served by a charter holder in approving a charter holder's application for an expansion amendment.

To Committee on Education.

SB 1963 by West

Relating to a transferability report card for public institutions of higher education.

To Committee on Higher Education.

SB 1964 by West

Relating to eligibility for the subsidized child-care program administered by the Texas Workforce Commission.

To Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development.

SB 1965 by West

Relating to an application for a charter for an open-enrollment charter school and to the expansion of an open-enrollment charter school.

To Committee on Education.

SB 1966 by West

Relating to the creation of a Texas Commission on Assessment and Accountability. To Committee on Education.

SB 1967 by West

Relating to the establishment of a task force relating to reducing family violence by providing for the transfer of firearms.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1968 by Bettencourt

Relating to the establishment of the Family Educational Relief Program and an insurance premium tax credit for contributions made for purposes of that program.

To Committee on Education.

SB 1969 by Nelson

Relating to state fiscal matters related to public education.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 1970 by Hughes

Relating to the mailing of passenger items prohibited beyond an airport's security screening to the passenger's residence; authorizing a fee.

To Committee on Transportation.

SB 1971 by Hughes

Relating to imposing a tax on the amount of federal renewable energy production credits received by wind electric generators.

To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 1972 by Gutierrez

Relating to the definition of marihuana.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1973 by Springer

Relating to the operation of and coverage by a nonprofit agricultural organization.

To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 1974 by Springer

Relating to provisions relating to possession or carrying of a handgun by a person who is a member of a criminal street gang.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1975 by Springer

Relating to abolition of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission and the transfer of the regulation of alcoholic beverages to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 1976 by Miles

Relating to the dissemination of information about historically underutilized businesses and the expansion of the small business development center network.

To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 1977 by Miles

Relating to voting while confined in jail.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1978 by Miles

Relating to the criminal offense of unlawfully prohibiting an employee from voting. To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1979 by Miles

Relating to reporting and disseminating information regarding public school disciplinary actions.

To Committee on Education.

SB 1980 by Miles

Relating to the creation of the office of independent oversight ombudsman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1981 by Miles

Relating to the carcinogenic risk level used in the development of certain environmental remediation benchmarks.

To Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development.

SB 1982 by Miles

Relating to the regulation of referral agencies for senior living communities; providing a civil penalty.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 1983 by Miles

Relating to notifying an alleged perpetrator of child abuse or neglect of the person's right to record an investigative interview.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 1984 by Lucio

Relating to private activity bonds.

To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 1985 by Lucio

Relating to qualifications for sheriffs in certain counties.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 1986 by Creighton, Nichols

Relating to adding a special purpose territory to the Port of Port Arthur Navigation District of Jefferson County, Texas.

To Committee on Ports.

SB 1987 by Buckingham

Relating to the creation of the River Farm Municipal Utility District No. 1 of Bell County; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

To Committee on Local Government.

SB 1988 by Miles

Relating to liability of certain electric utilities that allow certain uses of land that the electric utility owns, occupies, or leases.

To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 1989 by Miles

Relating to the prosecution of and penalties for possession of one ounce or less of marihuana.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 1990 by Miles

Relating to the powers of certain freight rail districts.

To Committee on Transportation.

SB 1991 by Lucio

Relating to district bilingual and special language programs.

To Committee on Education.

SB 1992 by Bettencourt

Relating to release of an area from a municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction by petition or election.

To Committee on Local Government.

SB 1993 by Hughes

Relating to imposing a tax on the value of tax preferences received by wind and solar electric generators.

To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 1994 by Springer

Relating to the eligibility of land for appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes as qualified open-space land based on its use to raise or keep bees.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 1995 by Springer

Relating to the appraisal of land for ad valorem tax purposes on the basis of its productive capacity.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 1996 by Springer

Relating to animal disease control by the Texas Animal Health Commission; providing an administrative penalty.

To Committee on Water, Agriculture & Rural Affairs.

SB 1997 by Springer

Relating to the control of diseases of swine.

To Committee on Water, Agriculture & Rural Affairs.

SB 1998 by Springer

Relating to administrative penalties imposed by the Texas Animal Health Commission.

To Committee on Water, Agriculture & Rural Affairs.

SB 1999 by Springer

Relating to the exclusion of broadcasting facilities from load shedding participation during a rolling blackout.

To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 2000 by Springer

Relating to rates applied to certain water or sewer systems after a sale or purchase of the system.

To Committee on Water, Agriculture & Rural Affairs.

SB 2001 by Springer, Bettencourt, Creighton, Hughes, Nichols, Perry, Schwertner Relating to prohibiting the enactment of a law that imposes a tax on certain transactions that either convey a security or involve specified derivative contracts.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 2002 by Miles

Relating to the state historically underutilized business program; creating a criminal offense.

To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 2003 by Lucio

Relating to the sale of fireworks on and before the Juneteenth holiday and on and before the Labor Day holiday.

To Committee on Local Government.

SB 2004 by Lucio

Relating to expanding the compensatory education allotment to allow funds to be used to implement social-emotional learning programs.

To Committee on Education.

SB 2005 by Bettencourt

Relating to off-campus workforce education or lower-division programs offered by a public institution of higher education at the request of an employer.

To Committee on Higher Education.

SB 2006 by Bettencourt

Relating to publication and posting of notice by certain governmental entities and representatives.

To Committee on Local Government.

SB 2007 by Huffman

Relating to enhancing the criminal penalties for certain repeat and habitual offenders. To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 2008 by Taylor

Relating to the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site; authorizing fees.

To Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development.

SB 2009 by Buckingham

Relating to the designation of centers of excellence for the management and treatment of placenta accreta spectrum disorder.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 2010 by Taylor

Relating to the designation of the portion of State Highway 3 in Dickinson as the Sergeant andrew James Creighton Memorial Highway.

To Committee on Transportation.

SB 2011 by Menéndez

Relating to the criminal offense of interference with child custody and a peace officer's duties with respect to that offense; increasing a criminal penalty.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 2012 by Taylor

Relating to the offense of operating certain vehicles without a license plate.

To Committee on Transportation.

SB 2013 by Hinojosa

Relating to a study on administrative penalties assessed against a substance use disorder service provider and to requiring the Health and Human Services Commission to provide administrative penalty schedules on the commission's Internet website.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 2014 by Buckingham

Relating to a health care entity's disclosure to patients and prospective patients of charges for certain health care services, goods, or procedures; authorizing administrative penalties.

SB 2015 by Buckingham

Relating to neglect of a child and the grounds for termination of the parent-child relationship and possession of a child by the Department of Family and Protective Services.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 2016 by Johnson

Relating to the applicability of certain provisions mandating the provision by certain health benefit plans of health benefits requiring cost defrayal by this state.

To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 2017 by Johnson

Relating to continuing education programs for fire detection and alarm device installation.

To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 2018 by Johnson

Relating to the licensing and regulation of company representatives for certain private security license holders; requiring an occupational license.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 2019 by Johnson

Relating to the authority of the Public Utility Commission of Texas, with the assistance of the Railroad Commission of Texas, to take action to ensure that natural gas is available to supply power generation facilities.

To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 2020 by Powell

Relating to the regulation of coin-operated machines.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 2021 by Powell

Relating to student loan forgiveness for certain public service employees or interns.

To Committee on Higher Education.

SB 2022 by Powell

Relating to a COVID-19 vaccine public awareness campaign.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 2023 by Powell

Relating to providing high-quality tutoring services to public school students, including the creation of the Texas Tutor Corps program, the establishment of a COVID-19 learning loss and student acceleration pilot program, and the use of the compensatory education allotment for tutoring services programs.

To Committee on Education.

SB 2024 by Creighton

Relating to certain procedural requirements for public improvement districts and transfers of property located in public improvement districts.

SB 2025 by Creighton

Relating to the compensation of and reimbursement of expenses of directors of the Conroe Municipal Management District No. 2.

To Committee on Local Government.

SB 2027 by Creighton

Relating to the procedure for transferring certain cases and proceedings between courts

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 2028 by Kolkhorst

Relating to the Medicaid program, including the administration and operation of the Medicaid managed care program.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 2029 by Paxton, Menéndez

Relating to the creation of the employee ownership assistance office within the Texas AandM University School of Business.

To Committee on Higher Education.

SB 2030 by Eckhardt

Relating to requirements for beneficial tax treatment related to a public facility used to provide affordable housing.

To Committee on Local Government.

SB 2031 by Eckhardt

Relating to the permissible uses of funds by a hospital district that receives a mandatory payment under Chapter 298E, Health and Safety Code.

To Committee on Local Government.

SB 2032 by Kolkhorst

Relating to the sale of malt beverages by certain brewers to ultimate consumers for on- and off-premises consumption; providing administrative penalties.

To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 2033 by Hall

Relating to reports of child abuse or neglect and certain preliminary investigations of those reports.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 2034 by Menéndez

Relating to prohibiting seeking or imposing the death penalty on the basis of a person's race or ethnicity.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 2035 by Menéndez

Relating to the use of proceeds from the collection of sales and use taxes on items purchased under the supplemental nutrition assistance program to provide grants for food banks and other charitable organizations.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 2036 by Menéndez

Relating to the voter registration of naturalized United States citizens.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 2037 by Menéndez

Relating to the definition of exploitation for purposes of investigating reports of exploitation against certain elderly persons and persons with disabilities.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 2038 by Menéndez

Relating to fees and prices charged by freestanding emergency medical care facilities; providing administrative penalties.

To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 2039 by Menéndez

Relating to baccalaureate degree programs offered by certain public junior colleges.

To Committee on Higher Education.

SB 2040 by Menéndez

Relating to authorizing the possession, use, cultivation, distribution, delivery, sale, and research of medical cannabis for medical use by patients with certain medical conditions and the licensing of medical cannabis organizations; authorizing fees.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 2041 by Menéndez

Relating to required consultation with American Indian tribes before beginning certain projects with respect to the Alamo.

To Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development.

SB 2042 by Menéndez

Relating to a written proposal or recommendation the Alamo Preservation Advisory Board submits to the General Land Office.

To Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development.

SB 2043 by Menéndez

Relating to prior authorization for prescription drug benefits related to the treatment of chronic and autoimmune diseases.

To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 2044 by Menéndez

Relating to the establishment of the State Advisory Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children.

To Committee on Education.

SB 2045 by Menéndez

Relating to unlawful employment practices regarding discrimination in payment of compensation.

To Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development.

SB 2046 by Menéndez

Relating to a compliance history assessment made for purposes of allocating certain financial assistance administered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

To Committee on Local Government.

SB 2047 by Menéndez

Relating to disclosure requirements for accident and health coverage and health expense arrangements marketed to individuals.

To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 2048 by Menéndez

Relating to the telephone availability of certain personnel by certain health benefit plan issuers and utilization review agents.

To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 2049 by Menéndez

Relating to guardians ad litem for children who are in the juvenile justice system and the child protective services system.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 2050 by Menéndez

Relating to the prevention of and the reporting of incidents of bullying committed by public school students.

To Committee on Education.

SB 2051 by Menéndez

Relating to health benefit plan coverage of prescription drugs for serious mental illnesses

To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 2052 by Menéndez

Relating to the provision of electricity service in this state.

To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 2053 by Menéndez

Relating to the adoption of a healthy and safe school water plan by public schools.

To Committee on Education.

SB 2054 by Menéndez

Relating to the waiver of fees and costs associated with driver education and safety courses and driver's license examinations for foster children or youth, former foster children or youth, and youth experiencing homelessness.

To Committee on Transportation.

SB 2055 by Menéndez

Relating to a Texas Commission on Law Enforcement database concerning peace officer misconduct.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 2056 by Menéndez

Relating to a salary career ladder for certain state employees.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 2057 by Menéndez

Relating to a matching grant program for school districts for the development and implementation of programs to address the social, emotional, and behavioral needs of students.

To Committee on Education.

SB 2058 by Menéndez

Relating to individual graduation committee qualification requirements for certain students.

To Committee on Education.

SB 2059 by Menéndez

Relating to required reporting by a peace officer and collection of data and information relating to the criminal offense of interference with child custody.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 2060 by Menéndez

Relating to creating an independent ombudsman within the Texas Military Department.

To Committee on Veteran Affairs & Border Security.

SB 2061 by Menéndez

Relating to information on and requirements for certain courses and educational programs offered in public schools, including courses offered through the state virtual school network.

To Committee on Education.

SB 2062 by Menéndez

Relating to the establishment of a Motor Fuels Metering and Quality Advisory Board. To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 2063 by Menéndez

Relating to public school discipline policies, practices, and procedures regarding student substance use and substance abuse prevention and intervention and mental health training for campus behavior coordinators.

To Committee on Education.

SB 2064 by Menéndez

Relating to the eligibility for unemployment benefits of individuals who are unemployed due to certain labor disputes.

To Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development.

SB 2065 by Menéndez

Relating to emergent bilingual students and increasing the expenditure requirement for the bilingual education allotment.

To Committee on Education.

SB 2066 by Menéndez

Relating to emergent bilingual students in public schools.

To Committee on Education.

SB 2067 by Menéndez

Relating to a plan to address the substitute care capacity needs in certain Department of Family and Protective Services regions.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 2068 by Menéndez

Relating to a biennial state report on suicide rates, establishing the Texas Violent Death Reporting System, and the sharing of certain information under a memorandum of understanding on suicide data.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 2069 by Menéndez

Relating to a public outreach and education campaign for mixed-status families regarding eligibility for Medicaid and the child health plan program.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 2070 by Menéndez

Relating to the duties of the statewide behavioral health coordinating council regarding suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention policies and procedures.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 2071 by Menéndez

Relating to consumer protections for accident and health insurance that excludes coverage for preexisting conditions.

To Committee on Business & Commerce

SB 2072 by Menéndez

Relating to the creation of a mental health jail diversion pilot program in Bexar County.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 2073 by Menéndez

Relating to the regulation of certain hazardous substances used in firefighting products; providing civil penalties.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 2074 by Menéndez

Relating to the establishment of the Mental Illness and Intellectual or Developmental Disability Advisory Council.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 2075 by Menéndez

Relating to the charging of higher prices by retail electric providers during a declared disaster.

SB 2076 by Menéndez

Relating to the prevention of and response to blackout conditions in the ERCOT power region.

To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 2077 by Menéndez

Relating to a study of certain Electric Reliability Council of Texas actions.

To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 2078 by Menéndez

Relating to electricity supplied to certain water facilities.

To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 2079 by Menéndez

Relating to the composition of the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 2080 by Menéndez

Relating to the requirements of entities that receive state funds

To Committee on Local Government.

SB 2081 by Menéndez

Relating to the average ratio of students and teachers in a prekindergarten class.

To Committee on Education.

SB 2082 by Menéndez

Relating to the provision of information regarding certain public assistance programs by public schools.

To Committee on Education.

SB 2083 by Menéndez

Relating to programs that can be established and funded under the Texas emissions reduction plan.

To Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development.

SB 2084 by Menéndez

Relating to the authority of certain counties to raise revenue for low cost sterilizations for dogs and cats by imposing a refundable fee for dogs and cats who are not sterilized and are adopted without being sterilized prior to adoption.

To Committee on Local Government.

SB 2085 by Menéndez

Relating to the diversion of certain foster youth from the juvenile justice system, including through emergency behavior intervention by certain persons providing foster care services.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 2086 by Lucio

Relating to the establishment of the Texas Uninsured Vehicle Enforcement Program.

To Committee on Transportation.

SB 2087 by Lucio

Relating to the powers and duties of the Texas Workforce Commission and local workforce development boards regarding the provision of child care and the subsidized child care program.

To Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development.

SB 2088 by Lucio

Relating to the indemification of certain county officials or employees for attorney's fees

To Committee on Local Government.

SB 2089 by Lucio

Relating to the use of county hotel occupancy tax revenue by certain counties.

To Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development.

SB 2090 by Johnson

Relating to the authority of certain political subdivisions to issue anticipation notes and other obligations in the event of certain emergencies.

To Committee on Local Government.

SB 2091 by Johnson, Springer

Relating to the issuance of public securities.

To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 2092 by Hughes

Relating to a cost-of-living adjustment applicable to certain benefits paid by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

To Committee on Finance.

SB 2093 by Hughes

Relating to requiring candidates for nomination by convention to pay a filing fee or submit a petition in lieu of a filing fee.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 2094 by Taylor

Relating to the commissioner of education's authority regarding the assessment of public school students and providing accelerated instruction for students who fail to achieve satisfactory performance on certain assessment instruments.

To Committee on Education.

SB 2095 by Powell

Relating to provision of an opioid antagonist to a person who is filling a prescription for an opioid medication.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 2096 by Zaffirini

Relating to education employees uniform group health coverage.

To Committee on Education.

SB 2097 by Zaffirini

Relating to the regulation by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality of the discharge of preproduction plastic from point and nonpoint sources to ensure zero discharge or release of plastic into water or onto land in the state and to ensure the prompt cleanup of any discharged or released plastic.

To Committee on Water, Agriculture & Rural Affairs.

SB 2098 by Zaffirini

Relating to providing unemployment compensation claimants with access to copies of their previously filed claims for benefits.

To Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development.

SB 2099 by Zaffirini

Relating to methods by which a claimant may check the status of a claim for unemployment compensation benefits filed with the Texas Workforce Commission.

To Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development.

SB 2100 by Zaffirini

Relating to the repayment of unemployment benefits paid in error.

To Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development.

SB 2101 by Zaffirini

Relating to the computation of unemployment compensation benefits for an individual who is totally unemployed in a benefit period.

To Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development.

SB 2102 by Zaffirini

Relating to removing the waiting period for unemployment benefit eligibility.

To Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development.

SB 2103 by Zaffirini

Relating to requirements regarding an employee's normal weekly hours of work under the shared work unemployment compensation program.

To Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development.

SB 2104 by Zaffirini

Relating to the provision of peer services, including family partner peer support services by family partners, and the provision of those services under Medicaid.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 2105 by Zaffirini

Relating to the appointment of an educational representative for certain students with disabilities.

To Committee on Education.

SB 2106 by Schwertner

Relating to peer-to-peer car sharing programs.

SB 2107 by Schwertner

Relating to a study by the Texas Department of Transportation on the feasibility of charging a pavement consumption fee for the operation of certain motor vehicles on public highways.

To Committee on Transportation.

SB 2108 by Schwertner

Relating to the financial security requirements for operators of oil and gas wells.

To Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development.

SB 2109 by Schwertner

Relating to the provision of electricity service in this state.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 2110 by Taylor

Relating to the release of a tier two form listing hazardous chemicals that is in the possession of a political subdivision of this state.

To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 2111 by West

Relating to the establishment by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board of a grant program for regional postsecondary education collaboratives.

To Committee on Higher Education.

SB 2112 by Lucio

Relating to a reduction of the amount by which a school district with high enrollment of educationally disadvantaged students or students of limited English proficiency must reduce the district's local revenue levels in excess of entitlement under the public school finance system.

To Committee on Education.

SB 2113 by Lucio

Relating to the consideration of the views of a close relative of a deceased victim regarding the imposition of the death penalty in a capital case.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 2114 by Lucio

Relating to a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide water or sewer service in an area incorporated or annexed by a municipality.

To Committee on Local Government.

SB 2115 by Lucio

Relating to the procedure for certain complaints against health care practitioners.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 2116 by Campbell, Hall

Relating to prohibiting contracts or other agreements with certain foreign-owned companies in connection with critical infrastructure in this state.

SB 2117 by Hinojosa

Relating to the authority of certain counties to issue revenue bonds for certain solid waste management projects.

To Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development.

SB 2118 by Hughes

Relating to ensuring compliance with federal civil-rights laws by corporations doing business in Texas, and prohibiting discrimination in the selection of a corporation's board members.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 2119 by Hughes

Relating to state contracts with certain companies that censor their users' speech.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 2120 by Hughes

Relating to a study on the safety of Texas swim schools.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 2121 by Hughes

Relating to the deductible imposed by a health benefit plan issuer for covered health care services or supplies.

To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 2122 by Hughes

Relating to itemized billing for health care services and supplies provided by health care providers.

To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 2123 by Blanco

Relating to establishing a program to assist micro-businesses by increasing access to capital.

To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 2124 by Blanco

Relating to the authority of a health benefit plan sponsor to consent to electronic delivery of certain communications on behalf of a party enrolled in the plan.

To Committee on Business & Commerce.

SB 2125 by Blanco

Relating to an early childhood literacy plan for students enrolled in a dual language program in a public school.

To Committee on Education.

SB 2126 by Blanco

Relating to the inclusion of adults with mental illness in reduced-fare programs of public transportation providers.

To Committee on Transportation.

SB 2127 by Blanco

Relating to the disposition of charges for registering a motor vehicle that has been operated while improperly registered.

To Committee on Transportation.

SB 2128 by Blanco

Relating to the amount of certain motor vehicle sales and use taxes and penalties that a county may retain each year.

To Committee on Transportation.

SB 2129 by Blanco

Relating to disposition of motor vehicle registration fees collected by a county assessor-collector.

To Committee on Transportation.

SB 2130 by Blanco

Relating to the establishment by certain counties and hospital districts of disease control pilot programs to reduce the risk of certain infectious and communicable diseases; authorizing fees.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 2131 by Blanco

Relating to a grant program for public improvement projects for unincorporated communities in certain counties.

To Committee on Local Government.

SB 2132 by Blanco

Relating to the inclusion of certain health care providers in the provider network of a Medicaid managed care organization.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 2133 by Blanco

Relating to the use of hotel occupancy tax revenue by certain counties and municipalities.

To Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development.

SB 2134 by Blanco

Relating to certain standardization in cybersecurity degree programs offered by public institutions of higher education.

To Committee on Higher Education.

SB 2135 by Blanco

Relating to pathways to assist students in transitioning from high school to postsecondary education in cybersecurity.

To Committee on Higher Education.

SB 2136 by Blanco

Relating to the administration of a medication, immunization, or vaccination by a pharmacist.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SB 2137 by Blanco

Relating to the cooperation between social media companies and law enforcement; imposing a civil penalty.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SB 2138 by Blanco

Relating to parking fees charged by public institutions of higher education to persons with disabilities.

To Committee on Higher Education.

SB 2139 by Blanco

Relating to criminal offenses related to mass violence; creating criminal offenses; changing the eligibility for community supervision; creating a grant program.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

SB 2140 by Blanco

Relating to the development and operation of a transportation project by a regional mobility authority.

To Committee on Transportation.

SB 2141 by Blanco

Relating to motorcycle profiling by peace officers.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

SB 2144 by Taylor

Relating to the creation of the Brazoria County Management District No. 2; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes. To Committee on Local Government.

SB 2145 by Taylor

Relating to the creation of the Brazoria County Municipal Utility District No. 79; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

To Committee on Local Government.

SB 2146 by Taylor

Relating to the creation of the Brazoria County Municipal Utility District No. 80; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

To Committee on Local Government.

SB 2147 by Taylor

Relating to the creation of the Brazoria County Municipal Utility District No. 82; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

To Committee on Local Government.

SB 2148 by Buckingham

Relating to the election of members of the board of directors of the Travis County Water Control and Improvement District No. 17.

SB 2149 by Birdwell

Relating to the creation of the Sterrett Road Municipal Management District; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes; granting the power of eminent domain.

To Committee on Local Government.

SB 2150 by Kolkhorst

Relating to the creation of the Waller County Municipal Utility District No. 40; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

To Committee on Local Government.

SB 2151 by Kolkhorst

Relating to the creation of the Waller County Municipal Utility District No. 9A; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

To Committee on Local Government.

SB 2152 by Kolkhorst

Relating to the creation of the Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 232; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose fees and taxes.

To Committee on Local Government.

SB 2153 by Kolkhorst

Relating to the creation of the Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 251; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

To Committee on Local Government.

SB 2156 by Taylor

Relating to the creation of the Brazoria County Water Control and Improvement District No. 10; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

To Committee on Local Government.

SB 2159 by Creighton

Relating to the creation of the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 206; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds. To Committee on Local Government.

SB 2161 by Creighton

Relating to the creation of the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 202; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

SB 2162 by Creighton

Relating to the creation of the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 578; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

To Committee on Local Government.

SB 2163 by Creighton

Relating to the creation of the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 199; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

To Committee on Local Government.

SB 2164 by Creighton

Relating to the creation of the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 201; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

To Committee on Local Government.

SB 2165 by Kolkhorst

Relating to the creation of the Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 164; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

To Committee on Local Government.

SB 2170 by Kolkhorst

Relating to the creation of the Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 249; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

To Committee on Local Government.

SB 2171 by Creighton

Relating to the creation of the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 579; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

To Committee on Local Government.

SB 2172 by Creighton

Relating to the creation of the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 200; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

To Committee on Local Government.

SB 2173 by Creighton

Relating to the creation of the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 207; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

SB 2174 by Creighton

Relating to the division of the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 152.

To Committee on Local Government.

SB 2175 by Creighton, Nichols

Relating to special purpose territory of the Orange County Navigation and Port District of Orange County, Texas.

To Committee on Ports.

SCR 28 by Springer

Defining "native Texan."

To Committee on Administration.

SCR 29 by Miles

Expressing commitment to eliminating racially offensive place names and urging the U.S. Board on Geographic Names to approve requests to change racially offensive names of geographic features.

To Committee on State Affairs.

SCR 30 by Blanco

Directing the governor of the State of Texas to posthumously award the Texas Legislative Medal of Honor to Marcelino Serna.

To Committee on Veteran Affairs & Border Security.

SCR 31 by Kolkhorst

Conferring legislative approval of the Coleman Settlement Agreement.

To Committee on Health & Human Services.

SCR 32 by Hughes

Designating the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House of Representatives to direct the appropriate House and Senate committees to conduct an interim study regarding the feasibility of integrating the Northeast Texas Trail into the state park system.

To Committee on Water, Agriculture & Rural Affairs.

RECESS

Pursuant to a previously adopted motion, the Senate at 2:58 a.m. recessed, pending the receipt of committee reports, until 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 6, 2021.

Pursuant to a previously adopted motion, the Senate at 10:59 a.m. Tuesday, April 6, 2021, again recessed until 11:00 a.m. today.

APPENDIX

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following committee reports were received by the Secretary of the Senate in the order listed:

April 1, 2021

FINANCE — CSSB 800

STATE AFFAIRS — SB 841, SB 1134, SB 484, SB 56, CSSB 598, SB 1235

LOCAL GOVERNMENT — CSSB 591

CRIMINAL JUSTICE — SB 48, CSSB 111, SB 237, CSSB 510, SB 511

EDUCATION — SB 289, SB 203

LOCAL GOVERNMENT — CSSB 646

VETERAN AFFAIRS and BORDER SECURITY — **SB 460**, **SB 611**, **SB 780**, **SB 791**, **SB 792**, **SB 793**, **SB 794**, **SB 795**, **SB 886**, **SB 937**, **SB 1179**, **SB 1093**, **SB 1233**, **SB 1441**, **SJR 35**

EDUCATION — CSSB 481

STATE AFFAIRS — CSSB 1114, CSSB 1112

BILLS ENGROSSED

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SB 7, SB 12

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