SENATE FLOOR ACTION

Wednesday February 11, 2015

The Senate adopted the following resolutions:

SR 150 Birdwell

Commending the members of the Hood County Long Term Recovery Committee.

Committee referral on the following:

SJR 28 Bettencourt/ Birdwell/ Campbell/

Creighton/ Estes/ et al.

Proposing a constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes and providing for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for those purposes on the homestead of an elderly or disabled person to reflect the increased exemption amount.

Finance

SJR 29 Bettencourt/ Birdwell/ Campbell/

Creighton/ Estes/ et al.

Proposing a constitutional amendment to extend the number of days that certain tangible personal property to be transported outside of this state is exempt from ad valorem taxation.

Finance

SCR 8 Burton

Urging Congress to reduce the amount of paperwork required of teachers by federal law.

Education

SB 493 Huffman

Relating to evidence or testimony given by certain witnesses in a criminal case based on the trafficking of persons.

Criminal Justice

SB 494 Watson

Relating to the availability of certain property and casualty insurance forms on the Internet.

Business & Commerce

SB 495 Watson/ Fraser/ Kolkhorst

Relating to the service areas of certain junior college districts.

Higher Education

SB 496 Watson

Relating to Foundation School Program funding for students enrolled in an optional flexible school day program.

Education

SB 497 Watson

Relating to the use of money in a tax increment fund to pay costs related to public improvements used for social services programs and permanent supportive housing that promotes the development or redevelopment of a reinvestment zone.

Natural Resources & Economic Development

SB 498 Taylor, Larry

Relating to building code requirements for residential property insured by the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association.

Business & Commerce

SB 499 Burton

Relating to a requirement that a student's postsecondary transcript include the average or median grade awarded in each class.

Higher Education

SB 500 Burton

Relating to self-settled asset protection trusts.

State Affairs

SB 501 Burton

Relating to availability of professional liability insurance under a self-insurance trust for health care.

Business & Commerce

SB 502 Burton

Relating to reducing paperwork and duplicate reports required of a school district.

Education

SB 503 Perry

Relating to financial assistance to local governmental entities affected by the realignment of defense jobs or facilities.

Veteran Affairs & Military Installations

SB 504 Perry

Relating to the application of the professional prosecutors law to the district attorney for the 132nd Judicial District.

State Affairs

SB 505 Perry

Relating to painting and marking requirements for certain towers; creating an offense.

Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs

SB 506 Perry

Relating to the authority of a political subdivision of this state to execute certain contracts for the use or acquisition of personal property.

Business & Commerce

SB 507 Lucio

Relating to the placement of video cameras in self-contained classrooms providing special education services.

Education

SB 508 Rodríguez/ et al.

Relating to the employment of veterans by a public entity or public work of this state.

Business & Commerce

SB 509 Rodríguez

Relating to the prosecution of certain offenses committed against a person in custody.

Criminal Justice

SB 510 Rodríguez

Relating to a criminal penalty for violating a condition of bond, condition of community supervision, or court order requiring installation of an ignition interlock device.

Criminal Justice

SB 511 Burton

Relating to the termination of a volunteer deputy registrar appointment.

State Affairs

SB 512 Zaffirini

Relating to the promulgation of certain forms for use in probate matters.

State Affairs

SB 513 Taylor, Larry

Relating to the regulation of metal recycling entities; imposing an administrative penalty.

Natural Resources & Economic Development

SB 514 Taylor, Larry

Relating to a deduction under the franchise tax for certain contracts with the federal government. **Finance**

SB 515 Bettencourt/ Birdwell/ Campbell/ Creighton/ Eltife/ et al.

Relating to an increase in the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation by a school district, a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed by a school district on the homestead of an elderly or disabled person to reflect the increased exemption amount, and the protection of school districts against the resulting loss in local revenue.

Finance

SB 516 Bettencourt/ Birdwell/ Campbell/ Creighton/ Estes/ et al.

Relating to increasing the period of time for exempting freeport goods from ad valorem taxation. **Finance**