SENATE FLOOR ACTION

Tuesday April 21, 2015

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

SB 207 (CS)

Hinojosa/ Birdwell/ Campbell/ Nelson/ Schwertner

Relating to the authority and duties of the office of inspector general of the Health and Human Services Commission.

10 Floor Amendments

SB 217 (CS) (LC)Hinojosa/ Birdwell/ Campbell/
Nelson/ Schwertner/ et al.

Relating to the self-directed and semi-independent status of certain agencies and to the requirements applicable to, and the oversight of, those agencies.

SB 479 (CS)

Schwertner/ et al.

Relating to establishing actual progress for the purposes of determining the right to repurchase real property from a condemning entity.

SB 487 (CS) Ellis/ et al.

Relating to postconviction forensic DNA analysis.

SB 498 Taylor, Larry/ et al.

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

SB 817 (CS) (LC) Rodríguez

Relating to the definitions of dating violence and family violence for purposes of the issuance of a protective order.

1 Floor Amendment

SB 917 Seliger Relating to the applicability of the Texas Mass Gatherings Act to certain horse and greyhound races.

SB 1007 (CS) (LC) Eltife

Relating to the practices and professions regulated by the Texas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board.

SB 1075 (LC)

Relating to criminal history record information obtained by the consumer credit commissioner.

SB 1369 (CS) (LC) Zaffirini/ et al.

Relating to reports on attorney ad litem, guardian ad litem, guardian, mediator, and competency evaluator appointments made by courts in this state and an interim study on a billing system for attorneys ad litem.

SB 1457 (CS) Nichols/ et al.

Relating to bad faith claims of patent infringement; providing a civil penalty.

Eltife

SB 1547 (LC) Perry/ et al.

Relating to reducing certain fees for a license to carry a concealed handgun for county jailers.

SB 2031 (LC)

Watson/ Hinojosa/ Lucio/ Seliger/ Zaffirini

Relating to the date for publication of the factors considered for admission to a new graduate and professional program.

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

SB 4 (CS)

Taylor, Larry/ Bettencourt/ Campbell

Relating to a franchise or insurance premium tax credit for contributions made to certain educational assistance organizations; adding provisions subject to a criminal penalty.

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

SB 1032

Watson/ et al.

Relating to authority for certain state employees to work flexible hours and to work from home or other authorized alternative work sites.

2 Floor Amendments

The Senate adopted the following resolutions:

SR 571 Huffman

Congratulating the Texas Children's Hospital surgical team on the successful separation of conjoined twins.

SR 602 Menéndez

Welcoming the members of the Coahuiltecan people and the Indigenous Cultures Institute to the Capitol.

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

Committee referral on the following:

SB 2062 Watson/ Taylor, Larry

Relating to authorizing certain charter holders to provide combined services for certain adult and high school dropout recovery programs.

Education

HB 5 Otto/ Burkett/ et al.

Relating to strategic fiscal reviews of state agencies. **Finance**

HB 75

González, Mary

Relating to the exemption from vehicle registration for certain farm vehicles owned by a farmers' cooperative society or marketing association.

Transportation

HB 77

González, Mary/ Anchia/ Leach/

Rose/ Villalba

Relating to a study of the Dallas Men Against Abuse program. **Health & Human Services**

HB 80

Craddick/ Cook/ Lucio III/

Harless/ Wu/ et al. Relating to the use of a portable wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle;

creating a criminal offense; modifying existing criminal penalties. State Affairs

HB 115

Dale/ Aycock/ Sheffield/ White,

Molly/ Larson/ et al.

Relating to the criteria for awarding the Texas Purple Heart Medal to members of the armed forces wounded or killed at Fort Hood on November 5, 2009.

Veteran Affairs & Military Installations

HB 225

Guillen/ Johnson/ King, Susan

Relating to the prescription, administration, and possession of certain opioid antagonists for the treatment of a suspected overdose and a defense to prosecution for certain offenses involving controlled substances and other prohibited drugs, substances, or paraphernalia for defendants seeking assistance for a suspected overdose.

Criminal Justice

Howard

Relating to the use of money from the permanent fund for health-related programs to provide grants to nursing education programs.

Higher Education

HB 505

Rodriguez, Eddie/ Workman/ Smith/ Dale/ et al.

Relating to a prohibition of limitations on the number of dual credit courses or hours in which a public high school student may enroll.

Education

HB 658

Zerwas/ Miller, Rick/ Reynolds/ Stephenson/ Anderson, Charles "Doc"

Relating to the creation of a campus of the Texas State Technical College System in Fort Bend County. **Higher Education**

HB 751

Zerwas/ Davis, Sarah/ Sheffield/ Thompson, Senfronia/ et al.

Relating to the prescription and pharmaceutical substitution of biological products; amending provisions subject to a criminal penalty.

Health & Human Services

HB 767

Smith/ Turner, Sylvester/ Lucio III/ Huberty/ Sheffield/ et al.

Relating to cardiac assessments of participants in extracurricular athletic activities sponsored or sanctioned by the University Interscholastic League.

Education

HB 903

Capriglione/ Otto/ Simmons/ Bonnen, Greg/ Meyer/ et al.

Relating to the investment of a percentage of the economic stabilization fund balance in excess of the sufficient balance.

Finance

HB 904

Smith/ Thompson, Senfronia/

et al.

Relating to the transfer of certain inmates to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice following pronouncement of the inmate's sentence.

Criminal Justice

HB 1016 King, Tracy O.

Relating to the designation of certain river or stream segments as being of unique ecological value. Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs

HB 1186 Craddick

Relating to the validation of certain actions relating to municipal airport zoning regulations. **Intergovernmental Relations**

HB 1219 Raymond/ Keough

Relating to a provisional license to practice funeral directing or embalming; amending provisions subject to a criminal penalty.

Business & Commerce

HB 1443

Geren

Relating to the Texas Identification Number system. Administration

HB 1606

Burkett/ Price/ Raymond/ Dutton/ Gonzales, Larry/ et al.

Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Workforce Investment Council, including assumption of the duties of the Texas Skill Standards Board. Natural Resources & Economic Development

HB 1678

Raymond/ Price/ Naishtat

Relating to the continuation and functions of the Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities. **Health & Human Services**

HB 1679 Raymond/ Burkett/ Price/ Villalba

Relating to the continuation of the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities. Health & Human Services

HB 2208 Herrero

Relating to access to criminal history record information by a county tax assessor-collector. **Transportation**

HB 2430

Kuempel/ Fallon

Relating to food and beverage consumption in certain public swimming pools. **Health & Human Services**

HB 2463

Raymond/ Burkett/ Price

Relating to the continuation and functions of the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services. Health & Human Services

(CS) COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

(LC) RECOMMENDED FOR LOCAL CALENDAR