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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

1 Amend C.S.S.B. No. 312 (house committee printing) by adding  
2 the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and  
3 renumbering the SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

4 SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Subchapter B, Chapter 224, Transportation  
5 Code, is amended by adding Section 224.034 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 224.034. HIGHWAY CLOSURES DURING CERTAIN PERIODS. (a)  
7 If a proposed improvement of the state highway system requires the  
8 closing of a highway, the department shall, before entering into a  
9 contract for the proposed improvement, coordinate the highway  
10 closure by communicating in person or by telephone call, e-mail, or  
11 other direct method of communication with public officials from  
12 municipalities affected by the closure to avoid any adverse  
13 economic impact on the municipalities during:

14 (1) periods of increased travel on the state highway  
15 system, including major state and federal holidays and school  
16 holidays; and

17 (2) other periods of high commercial activity in the  
18 state, including limited periods in which certain items are  
19 exempted from the sales tax imposed by Chapter 151, Tax Code.

20 (b) A contract for the proposed improvement of the state  
21 highway system that requires the closing of a highway as described  
22 by Subsection (a) must include a provision identifying the days on  
23 which the highway may not be closed.

24 (c) The department shall submit an annual report to the  
25 governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of  
26 representatives, and each member of the legislature detailing all  
27 highway closures during periods listed in Subsection (a) and the  
28 estimated economic impact of those closures.