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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.