

Thursday, April 10, 2025

******** EMERGENCY CALENDAR ********* SENATE BILLS SECOND READING

SB 1

Huffman / et al. SP: Bonnen

General Appropriations Bill.

HB 1400 Harris / Jones, Venton / et al. Relating to creation of the groundwater science, research, and innovation fund to be administered by the Texas Water Development Board.

HB 1094 Lambert / Plesa Relating to the regulation of transportation protection agreements.

HB 365 González, Mary / Harris / Walle / Guillen / Lopez, Janie / et al.

Relating to the authority of the Texas Water Development Board to provide financial assistance from the economically distressed areas account that is not required to be repaid.

HB 1109 VanDeaver / Bell, Keith / Wharton Relating to an exemption from certain motor fuel taxes for counties in this state.

HB 647 Patterson / Holt / Leo Wilson Relating to the removal of certain restrictions imposed on driver's licenses; authorizing a fee.

> ******** EMERGENCY CALENDAR ******** HOUSE BILLS SECOND READING

HB 500 Bonnen Relating to making supplemental appropriations and reductions in appropriations and giving direction and adjustment authority regarding appropriations.

RULE FOR FLOOR CONSIDERATION S.B. 1

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY AND EFFECT. This rule for floor consideration of S.B. 1 is proposed by the Committee on Calendars, pursuant to Rule 3, Section 3(2). The rule is effective if it is approved by the house in accordance with Rule 6, Section 16(f).

SECTION 2. PUT-AND-TAKE REQUIREMENT. (a) During second and third reading consideration of the bill, any amendment that adds or increases an item of appropriation in the bill made from general revenue or a general revenuededicated account is not in order unless the amendment contains an equal or greater reduction in one or more items of appropriation in the bill from general revenue or from a general revenue-dedicated account, regardless of whether the general revenue-dedicated account is subject to certification.

(b) The provisions of this section do not apply to an amendment that makes an adjustment in an item of appropriation solely to correct a technical clerical error.

SECTION 3. OPENING DEBATE. (a) The opening debate on S.B. 1 shall not exceed 40 minutes. One extension of time, not to exceed 20 minutes, may be granted by majority vote. A second extension of time may be granted only by unanimous consent.

(b) The first 20 minutes of the opening debate period shall be reserved for an explanation of the bill, without interruption, by the bill's sponsor, and, in succession, by the chair of each subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee.

(c) The second 20 minutes of the opening debate period, and any extensions granted pursuant to this rule, shall be reserved for the bill's sponsor and the subcommittee chairs to respond to questions from members regarding the content of the bill. The speaker may alternate between recognizing the bill's sponsor and recognizing the appropriate subcommittee chair to respond to a question from another member.

SECTION 4. PERFECTING AMENDMENT; CONSIDERATION OF AN INDIVIDUAL AMENDMENT TO BE PLACED IN ARTICLE XI. (a) The bill's sponsor may file, after the time period prescribed by Rule 11, Section 6(h), one perfecting amendment to make necessary technical adjustments. This subsection does not prohibit the bill's sponsor from offering other perfecting amendments that are in order under Rule 11, Sections 6 and 7.

(b) During consideration of an amendment, the amendment's author may move

the adoption and placement in Article XI of the amendment, together with any changes adopted by the house, by including that instruction in the motion to adopt the amendment. Upon adoption of the motion, the text of the amendment, and any changes to the amendment that have been adopted by the house, will be placed in Article XI, and the journal will reflect that the text of the amendment, and any changes to the amendment adopted by the house, will be placed in Article XI.

SECTION 5. EN BLOC CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO BE PLACED IN ARTICLE XI. (a) If the primary author of a pre-filed amendment wishes to move the amendment to Article XI without debate, the primary author shall notify the parliamentarians, using a form prescribed by the parliamentarians.

(b) At the expiration of the opening debate period under SECTION 3, and at the conclusion of consideration of amendments that are not to be placed in Article XI, the speaker may recognize the bill's sponsor for a motion to adopt and place in Article XI the proposed amendments for which the parliamentarians have received notice under Subsection (a). Under such motion, the question shall be put to the house to:

(1) adopt all amendments in a single motion;

(2) place the text of the amendments in Article XI;

(3) require the journal to reflect that the text of each amendmentwill be placed in Article XI;

(4) direct the journal clerk to distribute to the members the list of each amendment included in the motion as soon as possible; and

(5) permit members to record a vote in the journal on individual amendments included in a motion under this section by filing a statement with the journal clerk no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 17th, with the understanding that the recording of a vote on an amendment adopted under this section does not affect the adoption of the amendment or the inclusion of the text of the amendment in Article XI.

RULE FOR FLOOR CONSIDERATION H.B. 500

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY AND EFFECT. This rule for floor consideration of H.B. 500 is proposed by the Committee on Calendars, pursuant to Rule 3, Section 3(2). The rule is effective if it is approved by the house in accordance with Rule 6, Section 16(f).

SECTION 2. PRE-FILING REQUIREMENT. All original amendments that will be offered during second reading consideration of the bill must be filed with the chief clerk by 9 a.m. on Monday, April 7.

SECTION 3. PUT-AND-TAKE REQUIREMENT. (a) During second and third reading consideration of the bill, any amendment that adds or increases an item of appropriation in the bill made from general revenue or a general revenuededicated account is not in order unless the amendment contains an equal or greater reduction in one or more items of appropriation in the bill from general revenue or from a general revenue-dedicated account, regardless of whether the general revenue-dedicated account is subject to certification.

(b) The provisions of this section do not apply to an amendment that makes an adjustment in an item of appropriation solely to correct a technical clerical error.

SECTION 4. PERFECTING AMENDMENT; CONSIDERATION OF AN INDIVIDUAL AMENDMENT TO BE PLACED IN ARTICLE 9A. (a) The bill's author may file, after the time period prescribed by SECTION 2, one perfecting amendment to make necessary technical adjustments. This subsection does not prohibit the bill's author from offering other perfecting amendments that are in order under Rule 11, Sections 6 and 7.

(b) During consideration of an amendment, the amendment's author may move the adoption and placement in Article 9A of the amendment, together with any changes adopted by the house, by including that instruction in the motion to adopt the amendment. Article 9A shall be inserted into the bill upon adoption of an en bloc list of amendments under SECTION 5. An amendment placed in Article 9A does not constitute an item of appropriation or a permissible detail, restriction, or limitation of an item of appropriation, but reflects the intent of the legislature that the subject matter of the amendment be given consideration at such time as resources are available or implementation is feasible.

Upon adoption of the motion, the text of the amendment, and any changes to

the amendment that have been adopted by the house, will be placed in Article 9A, and the journal will reflect that the text of the amendment, and any changes to the amendment adopted by the house, will be placed in Article 9A.

SECTION 5. EN BLOC CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO BE PLACED IN ARTICLE 9A. (a) If the primary author of a pre-filed amendment wishes to move the amendment to Article 9A without debate, the primary author shall notify the parliamentarians, using a form prescribed by the parliamentarians.

(b) At the expiration of the bill author's time for opening debate under Rule 5, Sections 27 and 28, and at the conclusion of consideration of amendments that are not to be placed in Article 9A, the speaker may recognize the bill's author for a motion to adopt and place in Article 9A the proposed amendments for which the parliamentarians have received notice under Subsection (a). Under such motion, the question shall be put to the house to:

(1) adopt all amendments in a single motion;

(2) place the text of the amendments in Article 9A;

(3) require the journal to reflect that the text of each amendmentwill be placed in Article 9A;

(4) direct the journal clerk to distribute to the members the list of each amendment included in the motion as soon as possible; and

(5) permit members to record a vote in the journal on individual amendments included in a motion under this section by filing a statement with the journal clerk no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 17th, with the understanding that the recording of a vote on an amendment adopted under this section does not affect the adoption of the amendment or the inclusion of the text of the amendment in Article 9A.