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Senate OKs 2008-2009 Budget

AUSTIN — Both houses of the 80th Texas Legislature have fulfilled their main constitutional duty: to produce a budget for the 2008-2009 biennium.

The Texas House passed House Bill 1 by Reps. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa, and Ryan Guillen, D-San Diego, its \$151 billion state budget, on March 30. The Senate completed its \$153 billion version, SB 1 authored by Steve Ogden, R-College Station, on April 12.

When adjusted for inflation, these budgets — the largest in state history — represent about an 8 percent increase over the state's 2006-2007 budget.

Under the Senate version, the Children's Health Insurance Program would get an 80 percent increase, moving total funding for the program to \$1.8 billion for the biennium.

Ogden said this amount plus additional appropriations for state Medicaid will ensure that every eligible child in Texas will receive health coverage.

Now the two versions go to a conference committee of five senators and five House members who must reconcile the differences. Once reconciled, HB 1 and SB 1 return to their respective chambers for final passage. The deadline is May 28, the last day of the session.

House passes utility legislation

The House on April 13 passed legislation supporters say will increase competition and lower electric rates.

But opponents say the bill doesn't fix ongoing problems or necessarily help consumers in the long run.

Rep. Phil King, R-Weatherford, serves as chair of House Regulated Industries, the committee that molded the legislation. King said SB 482 will give power companies the incentive to reduce rates and will switch to a lower-cost rate plan for those customers who are paying the highest rates in the state.

King also said that during hot summer months the bill would prevent power companies from cutting off electricity to customers who have not paid their utility bill.

Opponents, however, pointed to high electricity rates related to spikes in natural gas prices after hurricanes Katrina and Rita and alleged market abuses by TXU.

Opponents also said the proposed acquisition of TXU by Kohlberg Kravis Roberts and Texas Pacific Group could be a way to remedy these past concerns, but the legislation might put the transaction at risk and leave Texas "stuck" with TXU.

Now the legislation returns to

the Senate where members must vote on whether to concur with the 27 floor amendments House members made to the bill. Any differences would have to be worked out in a conference committee.

Marital course bill passes House

The House passed legislation authored by Rep. Chisum to nudge couples toward taking a course on marriage before they officially tie the knot. If a couple passes the 8-hour course, the marriage license would cost them nothing.

But Chisum's House Bill 2685 gives couples an option: take the course or just pay \$60 for a marriage license. Presently, the cost is \$30.

The bill authorizes marriage educators, clergy or their designees, licensed mental health professionals, faith-based organizations, and community-based organizations to provide courses.

If the Senate approves the bill, it will become law Sept. 1.

Janek bill requires steroid test

More than 700,000 students who participate in athletics at Texas public schools would be subject to random steroid testing under legislation approved by the Texas Senate on April 10.

SB 8 by Sen. Kyle Janek, R-Houston, if also approved by the House, would go into effect Sept. 1.

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HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

Texas primary date shift in works

The House on April 13 approved a proposal to move the state election primaries from the first Tuesday in March to the first Tuesday in February.

HB 2017 by Rep. Helen Giddings, D-Dallas, also would shift the candidate filing period two months earlier, from December to October.

Talk focuses on security data

At an April 13 committee hearing, lawmakers talked about moving the control of the governor's homeland security database to the Texas Department of Public Safety. The governor's homeland security office is tasked with gathering information on a wide range of activities in Texas. The database resides in Kentucky, the Texas Observer reported.



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Monitor Blood Sugar While Pregnant

Gestational diabetes refers to the type of diabetes that occurs only during pregnancy. Excessive thirst and increased urination may indicate that a woman who is pregnant has gestational diabetes. Women who are over 25 years of age, overweight before pregnancy, or who have an immediate family member with diabetes are all at increased risk for having this condition.

Women diagnosed with gestational diabetes need to control their blood sugar to help keep the baby healthy and avoid complications during delivery. It is important that blood sugar be monitored. Appropriate diet and exercise may be sufficient to control the condition; however some pregnant women may require medication.

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

April 21, 1983

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Miller of Eagle Lake are announcing marriage plans for their daughter Helen Louise Miller Werlla of Conroe to the Rev. Alvin H. Eaton also of Conroe. The wedding is set for June 25 at the Farris 1912 in Eagle Lake...

Relatives and friends from Altair, Eagle Lake, and Garwood were saddened to hear of the recent death of Albert Dmitri Arkadies. He was the son of Albert Arkadies of Houston and the former Kathlyn Stevenson of Altair...

Mary Elizabeth Stallman and Neal Edward Stallman of Garwood announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Carmen Grace, to William Clayton Stone, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton T. Stone of Fulshear. The wedding is scheduled for June 11 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Brookshire...

Mr. and Mrs. Thurston Webb of Eagle Lake are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jonna, to Wayne Bowen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bowen of Eagle Lake. The couple will be married at 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 18 at the First Baptist Church in Eagle Lake...

Miss Debbie Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.A. Gottschald, Sr. of Sheridan, was united in marriage to Bruce Curtis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen J. Curtis of Waukesha, Wisconsin, on Saturday, April 16 at 2 p.m. at the house of Mr. and Mrs. Steve K. Balas, Brian and Renee. Rev. Charles Runk officiated at the lovely ceremony...

A delightful dinner party honoring bride elect Miss Susan Spalinger and groom elect Mr. Michael Phillips, was held in the

home of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Casady on Saturday, April 9...

Mr. and Mrs. Breck Chabreck of Beaumont are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Sharla Kay Henderson, to Darryl Layne Hinze, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hinze of Sheridan. The couple will exchange vows at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 21 at the First Baptist Church in Sheridan...

Shannon Harden Ruesewald, recent bride of Ted Ruesewald of Garwood was honored with a miscellaneous shower in the home of Mrs. Clarence Zbrank of Nada on Saturday...

Donna and Clarence Coldewey of Eagle Lake proudly announced the birth of their second child, a son, born Saturday April 16 at 1:33 p.m. in Eagle Lake Community Hospital. Given the name Kurt Williams, the little tot weighed seven pounds, 13 ounces and measured 19 inches at birth...

Jonna Webb, who will graduate from Rice High School in May, was honored with a luncheon Thursday, March 31. Mrs. La Verne Schorlemmer was hostess for the delightful event at Schobel's in Columbus...

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harrington of San Mateo, California are here this week visiting friends and relatives here and in Garwood...

April 23, 1959

Miss Dolly Stiles was elected drum major for the 1959-60 year at Eagle Lake High School. Elected as majorettes were: Karen Cook, JaNelle Anderson, Mary Ann Reese, Carol Beseda, Barbara Boggess and Suzanne Powers.

Earl Braden the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl L. Braden celebrated his fourth birthday April

15 with a party at his home.

Dr. and Mrs. J.C. Laughlin spent the weekend in San Antonio attending a medical convention...

Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Jones are the happy parents of a daughter, Jana Lea, born at 12:05 p.m. April 19...

The Eagle Lake Recreation Center golf championships move into the finals this week and are due to be completed by May 1...

Mrs. Janice Frnka defeated Mrs. Ida Causey to place against Mrs. Carol Wiese, winner of the

first flight. Clyde Brown defeated Dr. J.R. Laughlin to move into the finals of the first flight against John Carroll...

Mrs. O.J. Wintermann was hostess to a group of young ladies at an all night house party at her home last Friday honoring Miss Carolyn Duyka. Attending the party were Mrs. Judy Gail Feik, Bernadette Marx, Dianne Duncan, Diane Wiese, Linda Thomas, Jane Gibson, Robbin Griffith, Louise Rebeck and Carolyn Duyka.

Cook Votes To Halt Trans-Texas Corridor

AUSTIN - The Texas House of Representatives passed an amendment by Rep. Lois Kolkhorst (R) - Brenham, to put a 2-year moratorium on the Trans Texas Corridor.

Tuesday, April 10 the Texas House debated House Bill 1892 by Rep. Wayne Smith (R) - Baytown, concerning transportation issues in which Rep. Kolkhorst offered the amendment.

Rep. Cook supported the

amendment because of his constituents, and statewide concern over the impacts of the toll road project.

"As I have stated earlier, this will give the legislature and the general public time to review which direction we should go regarding our transportation needs."

H.B. 1892 as amended now goes to the Senate for debate.

Colorado County Sheriff's Report

The Colorado County Sheriff's Department reported the following calls and cases for the period ending March 29.

Friday, March 16

At 9:14 am, Deputy Mieth initiated a traffic stop on IH-10 near the 693 mile marker. After further investigation, Stephen David Ramos, 24 of Houston, was arrested for Possession of Marihuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Case closed.

At 11 am, Lt. Busby met with a complainant at the Sheriff's Office in reference to Harassment. No charges will be filed at this time. Case is closed unless future incidents occur.

At 2:37 pm, Deputy Savino and Deputy Pardo responded to the Columbus Hospital in reference to a child who was bitten by a cat near Garwood. The child received treatment for the injury. An attempt to locate the cat was unsuccessful. Case closed.

Saturday, March 17

At 4:03 am, Sgt. Edman located a vehicle stuck in the ditch on Hwy 71 and CR 102 near Altair. After further investigation, Aaron Anchondo, 44 of Granite Shoals, was arrested for Public Intoxication. Case closed.

At 12:19 pm, Deputy Savino and Deputy Pardo initiated a traffic stop on FM 2761 and Sunderman

Road. After further investigation, Juan Luis Belman, 28 of Eagle Lake, was found in possession of a fictitious government document and arrested for Forgery.

At 7 pm, Deputy Slubar responded to a residence near Eagle Lake in reference to a Burglary. Evidence was collected and suspect(s) are being evaluated. Case is pending further investigation.

Sunday, March 18

At 11:41 am, Deputy Cranek initiated a traffic stop on Hwy 90 near Schulenburg Lane. After further investigation, Olivia Talietha Ballin, 26 of Big Spring, was arrested for Disregard Stop Sign, No Driver's License, and No Insurance. Case closed.

At 8:45 pm, Deputy Thumann met with a complainant at the Sheriff's Office about his children being exposed to reckless or hazardous activity. The information was taken and the case was referred to the Children's Protective Services for further action. Case closed.

At 8:52 pm, Deputy Cranek responded to IH-10 near the 694 mile marker in reference to a vehicle that had been abandoned for over 48 hours. The vehicle was removed from the location by Jimmy's Wrecker Service. Continued on page 3

When I stand before GOD at the end of my life I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left and could say, "I used everything you gave me."

I've been a Registered Nurse since 1972. My entire life has been about service, and helping others. Help me to continue this legacy by writing me in as a candidate for Eagle Lake City Council.

Remember on

May 12, 2007 write in:

Rene' Cooper

for Eagle Lake City Council,

so I can continue my ongoing quest for servitude to this community.

Thank You

Cuando estoy de pie ante Dios al final de mi vida yo esperaria que yo no tuviera ni un solo trozo del talento dejado y podria decir, "use todo que usted me dio,"

He sido una Enfermera Titulada desde 1972. Mi vida entera ha sido sobre el servicio, y los otros de ayuda me ayudan seguir esta herencia escribiendome en como un candidato por el Ayuntamiento de Lago de Aguila.

Recuerde el

12 de mayo de 2007 escriben en:

Rene' Cooper

para Ayuntamiento de Lago de Aguila.

Entonces puedo seguir mi busqueda en curso de servatude a esta comunidad.

Gracias.

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