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Lawmakers Leave Bills and Other Issues Unresolved

AUSTIN - Lawmakers left Sunset bills and other major issues unresolved in the closing days of the 81st Texas legislative session that ended on June 1.

The Legislature, through the Sunset process, may tweak, overhaul or dispose of entire state agencies.

Left undecided were the fates of the Texas Department of Transportation, the Texas Department

of Insurance, the Texas Racing Commission and the Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation.

Also left unresolved was the bill to expand the Children's Health Insurance Program to more Texas families.

But Governor Rick Perry dismissed suggestions that the Legislature's failure to pass such major bills would force him to call lawmakers back to Austin for a

special session this summer.

Perry lauded the Legislature for certain bills they did pass, namely the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association bill, legislation that provides coverage in hurricane-related disasters.

Perry also cheered the cutting of the profit margin tax on small businesses.

The House and Senate did manage to pass 128 substantive bills that became law immediately when the governor signed them.

On Sept. 1, 133 more bills will become law.

And, on Jan. 1, 2010, five more bills will be on the books as new laws.

The governor has until June 21 to exercise his veto power.

Now, here are a few random samples of new state laws:

-HB 205 by Rep. Jimmie Don Aycok, R-Killeen, makes municipal leash laws not apply to a dog used to protect livestock on property controlled by a property owner while the dog is being used on such property for that purpose.

-HB 328 by Rep. Joe Heflin, D-Crosbyton, eliminates the inspector of hides and animals, a county-level office created in 1871

to aid in the prevention of cattle theft by a thorough inspection of hides and animals shipped out of a county for sale.

-HB 375 by Rep. Sid Miller, R-Stephenville, reclassifies farm elk and elk hybrids as livestock under the Agriculture Code.

-HB 772 by Rep. Donna Howard, D-Austin, requires the Texas Education Agency to provide a live audio and video webcast of all State Board of Education meetings and to maintain a publicly accessible archive of webcast meetings.

-SB 37 by Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, grants eligibility to a child for services under the deaf-blind with multiple disabilities waiver program at the time of the child's diagnosis.

The bill ensures the receipt of services that enhance the child's ability to communicate and learn.

-SB 83 by Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Grapevine, authorizes a victim of, or a parent or guardian of a victim of a sexual assault, aggravated sexual assault or continuous sexual abuse of a child, to terminate a lease early and avoid liability, if the assault took place at the leased property.

-SB 1291 by Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio, removes provisions in the Insurance Code authorizing a health insurance policy to require that a physician recommend services of a licensed professional counselor or a marriage and family therapist.

-SB 2225 by Sen. John Carona, R-Dallas, amends current law relating to the civil and criminal consequences of engaging in certain conduct involving the transporting or transferring of a firearm and making firearm smuggling a criminal offense.

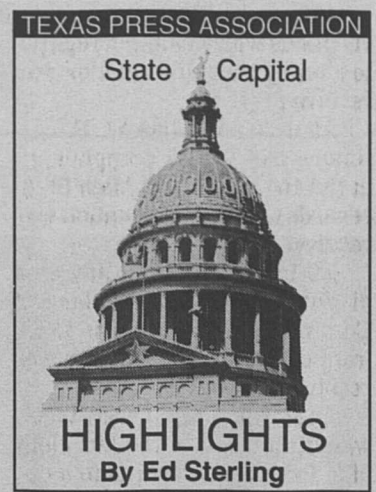
House members pledge for Straus

In the days after sine die adjournment of the Legislature, evidence of team building in the House emerged.

Some 106 House members signed pledge cards in support of a second term as speaker for Rep. Joe Straus, R-San Antonio.

Straus's first and current term as speaker extends until the 82nd Legislature convenes in 2011.

Many Democrats signed cards, even with the possibility that their party could gain control of the House by picking up a couple of seats in the November 2010 election.



On June 5, Straus released the list of pledges, saying broad bipartisan support for him is "a clear indication that members of both parties can set aside their differences to work together to find solutions to critical issues facing our state."

AG charges tax protest business

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott charged Houston-based O'Connor & Associates with violating the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act, and other law, for filing tax protests without taxpayers' consent, failing to appear at clients' tax protest hearings and submitting fraudulent notarized documents.

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Let's Look Back... 24 YEARS AGO

July 4, 1985
 Cynthia Ann Staff and Elizabeth Ann Berger, both of Garwood, received degrees from Sam Houston State University recently for the 1985 spring semester.

Cynthia was awarded a bachelor of science in food science and nutrition and Elizabeth received her bachelor of science in criminology and correction...

Renee Lynn Hunt, daughter of Dale Hunt of Garwood, is one of 675 Abilene Christian University students listed on the dean's honor roll for the 1985 spring semester...

The Castle Hills Christian Church of San Antonio was full of family and friends on June 8 as Becky Gertson and Billy Moulder were married in a formal ceremony.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church's annual horse-shoe pitching contest, held in conjunction with their annual

church picnic, was held Sunday with 12 teams pitching.

Winners were: Annie Broesche and Max Farenthold, first place; John Contreras and Robert Engelholm, second; Keith Pesnell and Earl Chumchal, third, and Walter Wilkerson and David Euers, fourth...

Viola Castillo, 19, of Eagle Lake passed away on June 28 from injuries received in an automobile accident. A rosary was recited at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 30 from the Dulany Funeral Home Chapel led by Eusebio Salazar. The funeral was conducted at 10 a.m. Monday, July 1 from an Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Rev. Ray Widacki officiating. Burial was

in Lakeside Cemetery...

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Miss Elena Sophia Brune of Columbus and John Edward Holub of Schulenburg exchanged wedding vows on Saturday, June 15 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thurman E. Brune of Columbus and the groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie E. Holub of Schulenburg...

On Tuesday, June 18, Mrs. Elizabeth Walker, of Eagle Lake, celebrated her 86th birthday...

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry C.

Lasseter of Fort Worth are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Lynn to Carl Gene Brown son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene F. Brown of Eagle Lake. The wedding will be on July 27 at 4 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Eagle Lake...

Will Spencer Chavis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Chavis of Garwood, received his diplomas on June 25 with a one hundred percent award in the automotive service technician course at American Trade Institution in Dallas. He is a 1972 graduate of Rice

High School in Altair and is now employed at Sun and Sun in Dallas. He and his wife, Rose, and son, Dallas live in Lancaster...

Colorado County Courthouse Report

District Court Dispositions

Seven individuals were sentenced in Colorado County District Court on Monday, June 8. They included:

Edith C. Bowman, forgery financial instrument. Sentenced to five years ID-TDCJ probated five years, fined \$500; to SAFFP.

Nathaniel Ray Fitzgerald, forgery financial instrument. Sentenced to 180 days state jail.

Miguel Guerra, Jr., burglary of building. Sentenced to 18 months state jail.

Morgan Case Jennings-Smith,

criminal negligent homicide. Sentenced to two years state jail, probated five years, Central Texas Treatment Center.

Christopher T. Porter, evading arrest/detention using vehicle. Sentenced to three years deferred adjudication, fined \$1,000.

Manual Henry Rojas, forgery government instrument/money/securities. Sentenced to 180 days state jail, 12.44 (6).

Elmer Sandoval, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Sentenced to 365 days in county jail, prosecuted as Class A under 12.44 (6).

County Court Dispositions

Sixteen individuals were sentenced in Colorado County Court

on Wednesday, June 3. They included:

Abel Cardenas, reckless driving. Sentenced to 20 days in jail, fined \$200 plus court costs.

Jeffery Malcom, driving while intoxicated-2nd. Sentenced to 45 days in jail, fined \$500 plus court costs, one year driver's license suspension.

Miguel A. Mendez, resist arrest, search or transport. Sentenced to 15 days in jail.

Johnny R. Pantalion, assault causes bodily injury family member. Sentenced to one year deferred adjudication, fined \$150 plus court costs, 10 days in jail on COP, BIPP shelter fee.

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