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LSG Floor Report For Postponed Business- Friday, May 12, 2017

<p>SB 587 By: Campbell SP: Vandaveer</p>	<p>Relating to the ability of certain dependents of members of the United States military to enroll full-time in courses provided through the state virtual school network.</p>	<p>Public Education</p>	<p>HB 539 expands the eligibility requirements for enrolling full-time in courses provided through the state virtual school network to accommodate students in military families who transferred to this state as a result of a deployment or transfer, and was enrolled in a publicly funded school out-of-state in the preceding school year. This will help military children who relocate to Texas continue their education with as little delay as possible.</p>	<p>Favorable Evaluated by: Arielle Day 210-382-4295 Arielle@Texaslsg.org</p>
<p>SB 1467 By: West SP: Lozano/ Guillen</p>	<p>Relating to the Texas college work-study program and to establishing a program for the off-campus employment of certain students at public or private institutions of higher education.</p>	<p>Higher Education</p>	<p>HB 3179 helps alleviate the financial burden for students in higher education by establishing work-study, and internship opportunities to eligible students who express financial need. HB 3179 requires the Higher Education Coordinating Board to collaborate with eligible institutions and employers to administer the Texas Works Internship Program. The purposes of this program are to help students attend school by providing them with part-time employment funded in part by the state. A student is considered eligible for this program only if they are a Texas resident, are enrolled full time in an undergraduate program, establishes financial need, and meets eligibility criteria established by the coordinating board. HB 3179 states that the coordinating board must develop and adopt the necessary rules for the program's implementation, compliance with nondiscriminatory practices, and to disburse each eligible institution with copies of these rules. The bill prohibits state support for the Texas WORKS internship program from exceeding the amount specified by appropriation HB 3179 states that if funding for the Texas WORKS internship program is insufficient to cover the cost of all eligible students, priority for funding is based on the order of application. HB 3179 removes the authority of an eligible institution of higher education to enter agreements with employers participating in the Texas college work-study program. These institutions now will be authorized to employ eligible students in the work-study program. Funds received by eligible students are not considered as financial aid for the academic year in which they were earned.</p>	<p>Favorable Evaluated by: Fabeain Barkwell Fabeain@Texaslsg.org</p>
<p>SB 1033 By: Perry SP: Frullo</p>	<p>Relating to authorization for the conveyance of certain real property from Texas Tech University to Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.</p>	<p>Higher Education</p>	<p>HB 2988 allows the coordinating board to transport property that is a part of the original main campus of Texas Tech University in Lubbock to Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. The board must make this transfer while considering the best interest of both institutions. The bill states that the transaction must be in the form of an agreement with appropriate documents between the two institutions</p>	<p>Favorable Evaluated by: Fabeain Barkwell 210-382-4295 Fabeain@Texaslsg.org</p>

LSG Floor Report For House Concurrent Resolution Calendar- Friday, May 12, 2017

<p>HCR 52 By: Flynn / King, Phil / Shine / Bonnen, Dennis / Longoria / et al.</p>	<p>Urging Congress to reimburse the State of Texas for bearing the financial burden of the federal government's responsibility to secure the Texas-Mexico international border.</p>	<p>State & Federal Power & Responsibility, Select</p>	<p>HCR 52 seeks to urge Congress of the United States to reimburse the state of Texas for the expenditures the state incurred while protecting the border.</p> <p>The argument seems null when comparing how much our nation has spent and the outcomes achieved in the name of border security. Texas has been continuously outspent by the federal government which increased border spending by 300% since 2002. The total of federal spending on the border equates to over \$19 Billion dollar. Our state's spending on the border equals to 4.2105% of the total cost spent to protect the border with the majority of it encompassing Texas.</p> <p>HCR 52 speaks to several times when the state of Texas, upon their own accord, utilized state funds to protect the border. As stated by the Migration Policy Institute, "We are, as a country, committing the same amount of money to border enforcement, principally the southwest border, as we are to all other federal criminal law enforcement agencies combined,". HCR 52 misrepresents the sentiment that the federal government is shifting the burden of border security to the states.</p> <p>Experts argue that making sure the rule of law is strong within Mexico should be our nation's priority. Instead of building walls and dividing our two nations we should be focused on increasing trade while promoting stability within Mexico.</p>	<p>Will of the House Evaluated by: Ana Ramon 210-382-4295 Ana@Texaslsg.org</p>
<p>HCR 44 By: Metcalf / Keough / Bell / Darby / Flynn / et al.</p>	<p>Urging Congress to pass S.2896, the Care Veterans Deserve Act of 2016.</p>	<p>State & Federal Power & Responsibility, Select</p>	<p>This resolution relates to a federal Senate bill that would address issues within the Veterans Administration. The Care Veterans Deserve Act, S.2896, was introduced by Senator McCain on April 28, 2016 and there has been no movement on the bill since that date. The veteran population in this country expanded significantly over the course of the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, and their challenges receiving the health care that they deserve highlighted issues within the VA system that must be addressed. The CVDA would expand veterans' ability to access health care services outside the VA network, and this resolution urges the Senate to consider and pass this legislation.</p>	<p>Favorable Evaluated by Joel Kissell 210-382-4295 Joel@Texaslsg.org</p>

