

**State Defendants' Response to Brooks, LULAC, and
MALC Plaintiffs' Joint Motion for Preliminary Injunction**

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PROCEEDINGS

FOURTH DAY — WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2025

The house met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the speaker.

The roll of the house was called and a quorum was announced present (Record 6).

Present — Mr. Speaker(C); Alders; Allen; Anchía; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bowers; Bryant; Buckley; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Canales; Capriglione; Cole; Collier; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dyson; Fairly; Flores; Frank; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hernandez; Hickland; Hinojosa; Holt; Hopper; Howard; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Jones, V.; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lambert; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Louderback; Lowe; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Money; Moody; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Morgan; Muñoz; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Perez, M.; Phelan; Pierson; Plesa; Raymond; Richardson; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Tepper; Thompson; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Virdell; Walle; Wharton; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Absent — Bernal; Bucy; Campos; Davis, A.; Davis, Y.; Dutton; Gámez; Garcia, J.; Johnson; Jones, J.; Lalani; Morales, C.; Ordaz; Perez, V.; Reynolds; Rodríguez Ramos; Simmons; Talarico; Vo; Ward Johnson.

The invocation was offered by Ferman Carpenter, chaplain, Texas Department of Public Safety, Round Rock.

The chair recognized Representative Orr who led the house in the pledges of allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

(Bernal, Y. Davis, Gámez, Johnson, Lalani, and V. Perez now present)

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the senate was received at this time (see the addendum to the daily journal, Messages from the Senate, Message No. 1).

(Bucy, Dutton, and Reynolds now present)

BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING AND REFERRAL TO COMMITTEES

Bills and joint resolutions were at this time laid before the house, read first time, and referred to committees. (See the addendum to the daily journal, Referred to Committees, List No. 1.)

COMMITTEES GRANTED PERMISSION TO MEET

Representative Geren moved that the house grant permission for all committees and subcommittees to meet while the house is in session, through and including Monday, August 25, pursuant to their committee postings.

Permission to meet was granted by (Record 7): 92 Yeas, 44 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bonnen; Buckley; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Canales; Capriglione; Cook; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dyson; Fairly; Frank; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hickland; Holt; Hopper; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lambert; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Louderback; Lowe; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Money; Morgan; Muñoz; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Phelan; Pierson; Raymond; Richardson; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Tepper; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Virdell; Wharton; Wilson.

Nays — Allen; Anchía; Bernal; Bhojani; Bowers; Bryant; Bucy; Cole; Collier; Davis, Y.; Dutton; Flores; Gámez; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Howard; Johnson; Jones, V.; Lalani; Longoria; Manuel; Martinez; Meza; Moody; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Plesa; Reynolds; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Thompson; Turner; Walle; Wu; Zwiener.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent — Campos; Cortez; Davis, A.; Garcia, J.; Guerra; Jones, J.; Morales, C.; Ordaz; Rodríguez Ramos; Simmons; Talarico; Vo; Ward Johnson.

MAJOR STATE CALENDAR HOUSE BILLS SECOND READING

The following bills were laid before the house and read second time:

CSHB 4 ON SECOND READING (by Hunter, Vasut, Pierson, Spiller, Guillen, et al.)

CSHB 4, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the composition of the districts for the election of members of the United States House of Representatives from the State of Texas.

Pursuant to Rule 5, Section 28, of the House Rules, Representative Thompson requested an extension of speaking time on **CSHB 4**.

The request was granted by (Record 8): 136 Yeas, 1 Nays, 0 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Mr. Speaker(C); Alders; Allen; Anchía; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bowers; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Canales; Capriglione; Cole; Collier; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Davis, Y.; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dutton; Dyson; Fairly; Flores; Frank; Gámez; García, L.; García Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Harris Davila; Hayes; Hefner; Hernandez; Hickland; Hinojosa; Holt; Hopper; Howard; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Johnson; Jones, V.; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lalani; Lambert; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Lowe; Lujan; Luther; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Money; Moody; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Morgan; Muñoz; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Phelan; Pierson; Plesa; Raymond; Reynolds; Richardson; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Tepper; Thompson; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Virdell; Walle; Wharton; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Nays — Harrison.

Absent — Campos; Davis, A.; Garcia, J.; Jones, J.; Louderback; Lozano; Morales, C.; Ordaz; Rodríguez Ramos; Simmons; Talarico; Vo; Ward Johnson.

STATEMENTS OF VOTE

When Record No. 8 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Lowe

When Record No. 8 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted yes.

Lozano

(Geren in the chair)

Pursuant to Rule 5, Section 28, of the House Rules, Representative Turner requested a second extension of speaking time on **CSHB 4**.

There being objection, the request was not granted by (Record 9): 52 Yeas, 82 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Allen; Anchía; Bernal; Bhojani; Bowers; Bryant; Bucy; Canales; Cole; Collier; Cortez; Davis, Y.; Dutton; Flores; Gámez; García, L.; García Hernandez; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Howard; Johnson; Jones, V.; Lalani; Lambert; Longoria;

Lopez, R.; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; Meza; Moody; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Muñoz; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Plesa; Raymond; Reynolds; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Thompson; Turner; Walle; Wu; Zwiener.

Nays — Alders; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bonnen; Buckley; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Capriglione; Cook; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dyson; Fairly; Frank; Gates; Gerdes; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hickland; Holt; Hopper; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Lopez, J.; Lowe; Lujan; Luther; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Money; Morgan; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Phelan; Pierson; Richardson; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Tepper; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Virdell; Wharton; Wilson.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Geren(C).

Absent — Campos; Davis, A.; Garcia, J.; Jones, J.; Louderback; Lozano; Morales, C.; Ordaz; Rodríguez Ramos; Shofner; Simmons; Talarico; Vo; Ward Johnson.

STATEMENT OF VOTE

When Record No. 9 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted no.

Lozano

Amendment No. 1

Representative Turner offered the following amendment to **CSHB 4**:

Amend **CSHB 4** (house committee report) by striking the enacting clause (page 1, line 5).

Pursuant to Rule 5, Section 28, of the House Rules, Representative J. González requested an extension of speaking time on Amendment No. 1.

The request was granted by (Record 10): 107 Yeas, 29 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Allen; Anchía; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bowers; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Button; Cain; Canales; Capriglione; Cole; Collier; Cunningham; Darby; Davis, Y.; Dean; Dorazio; Fairly; Flores; Frank; Gámez; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; Geren(C); Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Harris Davila; Hayes; Hefner; Hernandez; Hickland; Hinojosa; Holt; Howard; Hunter; Johnson; Jones, V.; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lalani; Lambert; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Louderback; Lujan; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Money; Moody; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Morgan; Muñoz; Noble; Patterson; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Phelan;

Pierson; Plesa; Raymond; Reynolds; Richardson; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schofield; Shaheen; Spiller; Tepper; Thompson; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Walle; Wharton; Wu; Zwiener.

Nays — Ashby; Bumgarner; Cook; Craddick; Curry; DeAyala; Dyson; Harrison; Hopper; Hull; Isaac; Kerwin; Little; Lowe; Lozano; Luther; Olcott; Oliverson; Orr; Schatzline; Schoolcraft; Shofner; Slawson; Smithee; Swanson; Tinderholt; Toth; Virdell; Wilson.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker.

Absent — Campos; Cortez; Davis, A.; Dutton; Garcia, J.; Jones, J.; Morales, C.; Ordaz; Rodríguez Ramos; Simmons; Talarico; Vo; Ward Johnson.

STATEMENTS OF VOTE

When Record No. 10 was taken, I was shown voting no. I intended to vote yes.

Craddick

When Record No. 10 was taken, I was shown voting no. I intended to vote yes.

Curry

Pursuant to Rule 5, Section 28, of the House Rules, Representative Manuel requested a second extension of speaking time on Amendment No. 1.

There being objection, the request was not granted by (Record 11): 47 Yeas, 74 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Allen; Anchía; Bernal; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bowers; Bryant; Bucy; Canales; Cole; Collier; Davis, Y.; Flores; Gámez; García Hernandez; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Howard; Hunter; Johnson; Jones, V.; Longoria; Lopez, R.; Manuel; Martinez Fischer; Meza; Moody; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Muñoz; Perez, V.; Plesa; Raymond; Reynolds; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schofield; Thompson; Turner; Walle; Wu; Zwiener.

Nays — Ashby; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Buckley; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Capriglione; Cook; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dyson; Fairly; Frank; Gates; Gerdes; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hickland; Holt; Hopper; Hull; Isaac; Kerwin; Kitzman; LaHood; Lambert; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Lopez, J.; Louderback; Lowe; Lozano; Lujan; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Money; Morgan; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Phelan; Pierson; Schatzline; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Tepper; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Wilson.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Geren(C).

Absent — Alders; Barry; Campos; Cortez; Davis, A.; Dutton; Garcia, J.; Garcia, L.; Guerra; Jones, J.; King; Lalani; Little; Luther; Martinez; Morales, C.; Ordaz; Perez, M.; Richardson; Rodríguez Ramos; Simmons; Swanson; Talarico; Virdell; Vo; Ward Johnson; Wharton.

STATEMENTS OF VOTE

When Record No. 11 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted yes.

Guerra

When Record No. 11 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted no.

King

When Record No. 11 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted no.

Swanson

(Talarico now present)

Pursuant to Rule 5, Section 28, of the House Rules, Representative Turner requested an extension of speaking time on Amendment No. 1.

The request was granted by (Record 12): 134 Yeas, 4 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Allen; Anchía; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bowers; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Canales; Capriglione; Cole; Collier; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Davis, Y.; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dutton; Dyson; Fairly; Flores; Frank; Gámez; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Harris Davila; Hayes; Hefner; Hernandez; Hickland; Hinojosa; Holt; Hopper; Howard; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Johnson; Jones, V.; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lalani; Lambert; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Louderback; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Money; Moody; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Morgan; Muñoz; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Phelan; Pierson; Plesa; Raymond; Reynolds; Richardson; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Virdell; Walle; Wharton; Wilson; Wu; Wiener.

Nays — Ashby; Harrison; Lowe; Swanson.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Geren(C).

Absent — Campos; Davis, A.; Garcia, J.; Jones, J.; Morales, C.; Ordaz; Rodríguez Ramos; Simmons; Vo; Ward Johnson.

(Speaker in the chair)

Pursuant to Rule 5, Section 28, of the House Rules, Representative Rose requested a second extension of speaking time on Amendment No. 1.

There being objection, the request was not granted by (Record 13): 52 Yeas, 82 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Allen; Anchía; Bernal; Bhojani; Bowers; Bryant; Bucy; Canales; Cole; Collier; Cortez; Davis, Y.; Dutton; Flores; Gámez; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Howard; Johnson; Jones, V.; Lalani; Longoria; Lopez, R.; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; Meza; Moody; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Muñoz; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Plesa; Raymond; Reynolds; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Talarico; Thompson; Turner; Walle; Wu; Zwiener.

Nays — Alders; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bonnen; Buckley; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Capriglione; Cook; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dyson; Fairly; Frank; Gates; Gerdes; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hickland; Holt; Hopper; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Kitzman; LaHood; Lambert; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Lopez, J.; Louderback; Lowe; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Money; Morgan; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Phelan; Pierson; Richardson; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Tepper; Tinderholt; Toth; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Virdell; Wharton; Wilson.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent — Campos; Davis, A.; Garcia, J.; Geren; Harris Davila; Jones, J.; Kerwin; King; Morales, C.; Ordaz; Rodríguez Ramos; Simmons; Troxclair; Vo; Ward Johnson.

Representative Hunter moved to table Amendment No. 1.

The motion to table prevailed by (Record 14): 87 Yeas, 50 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bonnen; Buckley; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Capriglione; Cook; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dyson; Fairly; Frank; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hickland; Holt; Hopper; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lambert; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Lopez, J.; Louderback; Lowe; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Money; Morgan; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Phelan; Pierson; Richardson; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Tepper; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Virdell; Wharton; Wilson.

Nays — Allen; Bernal; Bhojani; Bowers; Bryant; Bucy; Canales; Cole; Collier; Cortez; Davis, Y.; Dutton; Flores; Gámez; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Howard; Johnson; Jones, V.; Lalani; Longoria; Lopez, R.; Manuel;

Martinez; Martinez Fischer; Meza; Moody; Morales, E.; Muñoz; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Plesa; Raymond; Reynolds; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Talarico; Thompson; Turner; Walle; Wu; Zwiener.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent — Anchía; Campos; Davis, A.; Garcia, J.; Jones, J.; Morales, C.; Morales Shaw; Ordaz; Rodríguez Ramos; Simmons; Vo; Ward Johnson.

Amendment No. 2

Representative Martinez Fischer offered the following amendment to **CSHB 4**:

Amend **CSHB 4** (house committee report) on page 2, between lines 6 and 7, by inserting the following appropriately numbered SECTION to Article III of this Act and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS and cross-references to those SECTIONS accordingly:

SECTION _____. It is the intention of the Texas Legislature that the districts described by Article II of this Act comply with Section 2 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. Section 10301 et seq.), which prohibits discrimination against voters on the basis of race, stating: "[n]o voting qualification or prerequisite to voting or standard, practice, or procedure shall be imposed or applied by any State or political subdivision in a manner which results in a denial or abridgement of the right of any citizen of the United States to vote on account of race or color."

Pursuant to Rule 5, Section 28, of the House Rules, Representative Gervin-Hawkins requested an extension of speaking time on Amendment No. 2.

The request was granted by (Record 15): 134 Yeas, 3 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Allen; Anchía; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bowers; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Canales; Capriglione; Cole; Collier; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Davis, Y.; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dyson; Fairly; Flores; Frank; Gámez; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Harris Davila; Hayes; Hefner; Hernandez; Hickland; Hinojosa; Holt; Hopper; Howard; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Johnson; Jones, V.; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lalani; Lambert; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Louderback; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Money; Moody; Morales Shaw; Morgan; Muñoz; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Phelan; Pierson; Plesa; Raymond; Reynolds; Richardson; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Virdell; Walle; Wharton; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Nays — Ashby; Harrison; Lowe.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent — Campos; Davis, A.; Dutton; Garcia, J.; Jones, J.; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Ordaz; Rodríguez Ramos; Simmons; Vo; Ward Johnson.

Representative Hunter moved to table Amendment No. 2.

The motion to table prevailed by (Record 16): 87 Yeas, 51 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bonnen; Buckley; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Capriglione; Cook; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dyson; Fairly; Frank; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hickland; Holt; Hopper; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lambert; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Lopez, J.; Louderback; Lowe; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Money; Morgan; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Phelan; Pierson; Richardson; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Tepper; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Virdell; Wharton; Wilson.

Nays — Allen; Anchía; Bernal; Bhojani; Bowers; Bryant; Bucy; Canales; Cole; Collier; Cortez; Davis, Y.; Dutton; Flores; Gámez; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Howard; Johnson; Jones, V.; Lalani; Longoria; Lopez, R.; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; Meza; Moody; Morales, E.; Muñoz; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Plesa; Raymond; Reynolds; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Talarico; Thompson; Turner; Walle; Wu; Zwiener.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent — Campos; Davis, A.; Garcia, J.; Jones, J.; Morales, C.; Morales Shaw; Ordaz; Rodríguez Ramos; Simmons; Vo; Ward Johnson.

Amendment No. 3

Representative Martinez Fischer offered the following amendment to **CSHB 4**:

Amend **CSHB 4** (house committee report) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to ARTICLE III of the bill and renumbering the SECTIONS of the article accordingly:

SECTION _____. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the districts described by Chapter 7 (**SB 6**), Acts of the 87th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, 2021, shall apply to the election of the members of the United States House of Representatives from the State of Texas during any period when the use of the districts described by Article II of this Act is enjoined by court order.

Representative Hunter moved to table Amendment No. 3.

The motion to table prevailed by (Record 17): 87 Yeas, 49 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bonnen; Buckley; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Capriglione; Cook; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dyson; Fairly; Frank; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hickland; Holt; Hopper; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lambert; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Lopez, J.; Louderback; Lowe; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Money; Morgan; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Phelan; Pierson; Richardson; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Tepper; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Virdell; Wharton; Wilson.

Nays — Allen; Anchía; Bernal; Bhojani; Bowers; Bryant; Bucy; Canales; Cole; Collier; Cortez; Davis, Y.; Dutton; Flores; Gámez; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Howard; Johnson; Lalani; Longoria; Lopez, R.; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; Meza; Moody; Morales, E.; Muñoz; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Plesa; Raymond; Reynolds; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Talarico; Thompson; Turner; Walle; Wu; Zwiener.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent — Campos; Davis, A.; Garcia, J.; Guerra; Jones, J.; Jones, V.; Morales, C.; Morales Shaw; Ordaz; Rodríguez Ramos; Simmons; Vo; Ward Johnson.

STATEMENT OF VOTE

When Record No. 17 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted no.

Guerra

Amendment No. 4

Representative Dutton offered the following amendment to **CSHB 4**:

Amend **CSHB 4** (house committee report) as follows:

(1) On page 2, between lines 18 and 19, insert the following:

SECTION 5. No provision of this Act shall take effect until a federal district court issues an order determining that the changes in law made by this Act:

(1) have neither the purpose nor will have the effect of denying or abridging the right to vote on account of race or color; and

(2) comply with the requirements of federal law.

(2) On page 2, line 19, strike "This" and substitute "Subject to Section 5 of this article, this".

(3) Renumber the SECTIONS of the bill as appropriate.

(Landgraf in the chair)

Pursuant to Rule 5, Section 28, of the House Rules, Representative Bowers requested an extension of speaking time on Amendment No. 4.

The request was granted by (Record 18): 118 Yeas, 15 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Allen; Anchía; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bowers; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Button; Cain; Canales; Capriglione; Cole; Collier; Cortez; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Davis, Y.; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dutton; Dyson; Fairly; Flores; Frank; Gámez; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gates; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harris; Harris Davila; Hayes; Hefner; Hernandez; Hickland; Hinojosa; Holt; Howard; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Johnson; Jones, V.; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lalani; Lambert; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Longoria; Lopez, R.; Louderback; Lujan; Luther; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Money; Moody; Morales, E.; Morgan; Muñoz; Noble; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Phelan; Pierson; Plesa; Raymond; Reynolds; Richardson; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Spiller; Swanson; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Virdell; Wharton; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Nays — Ashby; Bumgarner; Cook; Dean; Gerdes; Harless; Harrison; Hopper; Lowe; Lozano; Olcott; Shofner; Slawson; Smithee; Walle.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Landgraf(C).

Absent — Campos; Craddick; Davis, A.; Garcia, J.; Jones, J.; Lopez, J.; Meza; Morales, C.; Morales Shaw; Oliverson; Ordaz; Rodríguez Ramos; Simmons; Vo; Ward Johnson.

STATEMENTS OF VOTE

When Record No. 18 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Isaac

When Record No. 18 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Kerwin

When Record No. 18 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Swanson

When Record No. 18 was taken, I was shown voting no. I intended to vote yes.

Walle

Representative Hunter moved to table Amendment No. 4.

The motion to table prevailed by (Record 19): 85 Yeas, 49 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bonnen; Buckley; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Capriglione; Cook; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dyson; Fairly; Frank; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hickland; Holt; Hopper; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Kerwin; Kitzman; LaHood; Lambert; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Lopez, J.; Louderback; Lowe; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Money; Morgan; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Phelan; Pierson; Richardson; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Tepper; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Virdell; Wharton; Wilson.

Nays — Allen; Anchía; Bernal; Bhojani; Bowers; Bucy; Canales; Cole; Collier; Cortez; Davis, Y.; Dutton; Flores; Gámez; García, L.; García Hernandez; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Howard; Johnson; Jones, V.; Lalani; Lopez, R.; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; Meza; Moody; Morales, E.; Muñoz; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Plesa; Raymond; Reynolds; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Talarico; Thompson; Turner; Walle; Wu; Zwiener.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Landgraf(C).

Absent — Bryant; Campos; Davis, A.; Garcia, J.; Jones, J.; King; Longoria; Morales, C.; Morales Shaw; Ordaz; Rodríguez Ramos; Simmons; Vo; Ward Johnson.

Amendment No. 5

Representative Howard offered the following amendment to **CSHB 4**:

Amend **CSHB 4** (house committee report) as follows:

(1) On page 2, between lines 18 and 19, insert the following:

SECTION 5. No provision of this Act shall take effect until the legislature has adopted **HB 241** (89S2) or similar legislation to establish an independent redistricting commission.

(2) On page 2, line 19, strike "This" and substitute "Subject to Section 5 of this article, this".

(3) Renumber the SECTIONS of the bill as appropriate.

Representative Hunter moved to table Amendment No. 5.

The motion to table prevailed by (Record 20): 86 Yeas, 51 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bonnen; Buckley; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Capriglione; Cook; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dyson; Fairly; Frank; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hickland; Holt; Hopper; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lambert; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Lopez, J.; Louderback; Lowe; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Money; Morgan; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Phelan; Pierson; Richardson; Schatzline;

Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Tepper; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Virdell; Wharton; Wilson.

Nays — Anchía; Bernal; Bhojani; Bowers; Bryant; Bucy; Canales; Cole; Collier; Cortez; Davis, Y.; Dutton; Flores; Gámez; García, L.; García Hernandez; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Howard; Johnson; Jones, V.; Lalani; Longoria; Lopez, R.; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; Meza; Moody; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Muñoz; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Plesa; Raymond; Reynolds; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Talarico; Thompson; Turner; Walle; Wu; Wiener.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Landgraf(C).

Absent — Allen; Campos; Davis, A.; García, J.; Jones, J.; Morales, C.; Ordaz; Rodríguez Ramos; Simmons; Vo; Ward Johnson.

Amendment No. 6

Representative Plesa offered the following amendment to **CSHB 4**:

Amend **CSHB 4** (house committee report) as follows:

(1) On page 2, between lines 18 and 19, insert the following:

SECTION 5. This Act may only be adopted if it is enacted into law within two years of an official Decennial Census of the United States, as prepared by the federal Bureau of the Census.

(2) On page 2, line 19, strike "This" and substitute "Subject to Section 5 of this article, this".

(3) Renumber the SECTIONS of the bill as appropriate.

Representative Hunter moved to table Amendment No. 6.

The motion to table prevailed by (Record 21): 84 Yeas, 52 Nays, 3 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bonnen; Buckley; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Capriglione; Cook; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dyson; Fairly; Frank; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hickland; Holt; Hopper; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Kerwin; Kitzman; LaHood; Lambert; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Lopez, J.; Louderback; Lowe; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Money; Morgan; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Phelan; Pierson; Richardson; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Tepper; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Virdell; Wharton.

Nays — Allen; Anchía; Bernal; Bhojani; Bowers; Bryant; Bucy; Canales; Cole; Collier; Cortez; Davis, Y.; Dutton; Flores; Gámez; García, L.; García Hernandez; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Howard; Johnson; Jones, V.; Lalani; Longoria; Lopez, R.;

Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; Meza; Moody; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Muñoz; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Plesa; Raymond; Reynolds; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Talarico; Thompson; Turner; Walle; Wu; Zwiener.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Landgraf(C); Wilson.

Absent — Campos; Davis, A.; Garcia, J.; Jones, J.; King; Morales, C.; Ordaz; Rodríguez Ramos; Simmons; Vo; Ward Johnson.

STATEMENTS OF VOTE

When Record No. 21 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted yes.

King

When Record No. 21 was taken, I was shown voting present, not voting. I intended to vote yes.

Wilson

Amendment No. 7

Representative Garcia Hernandez offered the following amendment to **CSHB 4**:

Amend **CSHB 4** (house committee report) by adding the following appropriately numbered ARTICLE to the bill and renumbering subsequent ARTICLES of the bill accordingly:

ARTICLE ____

SECTION 1. (a) The secretary of state shall conduct a study to evaluate the impact of the provisions of this Act using an impact analysis of those provisions on the Citizen Voting Age Population (CVAP) of each racial and ethnic group in this state.

(b) The secretary of state shall prepare and submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the attorney general, the United States Department of Justice, the speaker of the house of representatives, and each standing committee of the senate and house of representatives having primary jurisdiction over redistricting a written report on the results of the study and any recommendations for legislative or other action. The secretary of state shall submit the report before the last day to file as a candidate in the primary election held in 2026 for members of the United States House of Representatives of the 120th Congress from the State of Texas.

(c) The report required under Subsection (b) of this section is a public record.

(Speaker in the chair)

Representative Hunter moved to table Amendment No. 7.

The motion to table prevailed by (Record 22): 87 Yeas, 52 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bonnen; Buckley; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Capriglione; Cook; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dyson; Fairly; Frank; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hickland; Holt; Hopper; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lambert; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Lopez, J.; Louderback; Lowe; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Money; Morgan; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Phelan; Pierson; Richardson; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Tepper; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Virdell; Wharton; Wilson.

Nays — Allen; Anchía; Bernal; Bhojani; Bowers; Bryant; Bucy; Canales; Cole; Collier; Cortez; Davis, Y.; Dutton; Flores; Gámez; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Howard; Johnson; Jones, V.; Lalani; Longoria; Lopez, R.; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; Meza; Moody; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Muñoz; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Plesa; Raymond; Reynolds; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Talarico; Thompson; Turner; Walle; Wu; Zwiener.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent — Campos; Davis, A.; Garcia, J.; Jones, J.; Morales, C.; Ordaz; Rodríguez Ramos; Simmons; Vo; Ward Johnson.

Amendment No. 8

Representative Bernal offered the following amendment to **CSHB 4**:

Amend **CSHB 4** by striking SECTION 5 on page 2, lines 19-24, and inserting the following language on page 2, line 19:

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect, to the extent permitted, once the United States Congress has restored \$186,000,000,000 in funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Amendment No. 8 - Point of Order

Representative Vasut raised a point of order against further consideration of Amendment No. 8 under Rule 11, Section 2, of the House Rules on the grounds that the amendment is not germane. The point of order was withdrawn.

Amendment No. 8 was withdrawn.

Amendment No. 9

Representative L. Garcia offered the following amendment to **CSHB 4**:

Amend **CSHB 4** by striking SECTION 5 on page 2, lines 19-24, and inserting the following language on page 2, line 19:

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect, to the extent permitted, once the United States Congress has enacted legislation to make Social Security solvent.

Amendment No. 9 - Point of Order

Representative Vasut raised a point of order against further consideration of Amendment No. 9 under Rule 11, Section 2, of the House Rules on the grounds that the amendment is not germane. The point of order was withdrawn.

Amendment No. 9 was withdrawn.

Amendment No. 10

Representative Lalani offered the following amendment to **CSHB 4**:

Amend **CSHB 4** by striking SECTION 5 on page 2, lines 19-24, and inserting the following language on page 2, line 19:

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect, to the extent permitted, once the United States Congress has enacted legislation to appropriate \$911 billion for Medicaid.

Amendment No. 10 - Point of Order

Representative Vasut raised a point of order against further consideration of Amendment No. 10 under Rule 11, Section 2, of the House Rules on the grounds that the amendment is not germane. The point of order was withdrawn.

Amendment No. 10 was withdrawn.

Amendment No. 11

Representative Wu offered the following amendment to **CSHB 4**:

Amend **CSHB 4** by striking SECTION 5 on page 2, lines 19-24, and inserting the following language on page 2, line 19.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect, to the extent permitted, on the 30th day after the United States attorney general makes publicly available in a searchable and downloadable format all unclassified records, documents, communications, and investigative materials in the possession of the Department of Justice, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation and United States attorneys' offices, that relate to Jeffrey Epstein. This shall include but is not limited to:

(a) All investigations, prosecutions, or custodial matters related to Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell;

(b) Flight logs or travel records, including but not limited to manifests, itineraries, pilot records, and customs or immigration documentation, for any aircraft, vessel, or vehicle owned, operated, or used by Jeffrey Epstein or any related entity;

(c) Individuals, including government officials, named or referenced in connection with Epstein's criminal activities, civil settlements, immunity or plea agreements, or investigatory proceedings;

(d) Entities (corporate, nonprofit, academic, or governmental) with known or alleged ties to Epstein's trafficking or financial networks;

(e) Any immunity deals, non-prosecution agreements, plea bargains, or sealed settlements involving Epstein or his associates;

(f) Internal DOJ communications, including e-mails, memos, meeting notes, concerning decisions to charge, not charge, investigate, or decline to investigate Epstein or his associates;

(g) All communications, memoranda, directives, logs, or metadata concerning the destruction, deletion, alteration, misplacement, or concealment of documents, recordings, or electronic data related to Epstein, his associates, his detention and death, or any investigative files; and

(h) Documentation of Epstein's detention or death, including incident reports, witness interviews, medical examiner files, autopsy reports, and written records detailing the circumstances and cause of death.

Amendment No. 11 - Point of Order

Representative Cain raised a point of order against further consideration of Amendment No. 11 under Rule 11, Section 2, of the House Rules. The speaker sustained the point of order, announcing his decision to the house as follows:

Mr. Cain raises a point of order against further consideration of the Wu Amendment (Amendment No. 11) under Rule 11, Section 2, on the grounds that the amendment is not germane to the bill.

The bill changes the composition of districts for the election of members to the United States House of Representatives. The Wu Amendment makes the effective date of the bill contingent on a matter that is not even remotely related to congressional redistricting. The amendment is not germane. See Deschler-Brown ch. 28, § 31.24.

Accordingly, the point of order is well-taken and sustained.

The ruling precluded further consideration of Amendment No. 11.

Amendment No. 12

Representative Y. Davis offered the following amendment to **CSHB 4**:
 Plan No. C2165

The proposed maps and reports associated with this amendment are viewable at:

<https://dvr.capitol.texas.gov/?PlanHeader=PLANC2165>

Amend **CSHB 4** (house committee report) by substituting PLANC2165, which is incorporated by reference, for PLANC2333.

REMARKS ORDERED PRINTED

Representative Reynolds moved to print all remarks on **CSHB 4** on second and third reading.

The motion prevailed. [The text of the debate was not available at the time of printing.]

Pursuant to Rule 5, Section 28, of the House Rules, Representative Reynolds requested an extension of speaking time on Amendment No. 12.

The request was granted by (Record 23): 110 Yeas, 23 Nays, 3 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Allen; Anchía; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Button; Cain; Canales; Capriglione; Cole; Collier; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dutton; Dyson; Fairly; Flores; Frank; Gámez; Gates; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Guerra; Guillen; Harris; Harris Davila; Hayes; Hefner; Hernandez; Hickland; Hinojosa; Holt; Howard; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Johnson; Jones, V.; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lambert; Landgraf; Leo Wilson; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Louderback; Lujan; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Money; Moody; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Muñoz; Oliverson; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Phelan; Plesa; Raymond; Reynolds; Richardson; Rose; Rosenthal; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Spiller; Swanson; Talarico; Tepper; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Virdell; Walle; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Nays — Ashby; Bumgarner; Cook; Dean; Gerdes; Harless; Harrison; Hopper; Leach; Little; Lowe; Lozano; Luther; Morgan; Noble; Olcott; Pierson; Romero; Shofner; Slawson; Smithee; Thompson; Wharton.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C); Garcia, L.; Goodwin.

Absent — Bowers; Campos; Davis, A.; Davis, Y.; Garcia, J.; Garcia Hernandez; Jones, J.; Lalani; Morales, C.; Ordaz; Rodríguez Ramos; Simmons; Vo; Ward Johnson.

STATEMENTS OF VOTE

When Record No. 23 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted yes.

Garcia Hernandez

When Record No. 23 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Kerwin

(King in the chair)

Amendment No. 12 was withdrawn.

(Speaker in the chair)

Pursuant to Rule 5, Section 28, of the House Rules, Representative Collier requested an extension of speaking time on **CSHB 4**.

The request was not granted by (Record 24): 54 Yeas, 83 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Allen; Anchía; Bernal; Bhojani; Bowers; Bryant; Bucy; Canales; Cole; Collier; Cortez; Davis, Y.; Dutton; Flores; Gámez; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Howard; Johnson; Jones, V.; King; Lalani; Longoria; Lopez, R.; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; Meza; Moody;

Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Muñoz; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Plesa; Raymond; Reynolds; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Talarico; Thompson; Turner; Walle; Wu; Zwiener.

Nays — Alders; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bonnen; Buckley; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Capriglione; Cook; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dyson; Fairly; Frank; Gates; Gerdes; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hefner; Hickland; Holt; Hopper; Hull; Isaac; Kerwin; Kitzman; LaHood; Lambert; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Lopez, J.; Louderback; Lowe; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Money; Morgan; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Phelan; Pierson; Richardson; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Tepper; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Virdell; Wharton; Wilson.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent — Campos; Davis, A.; Garcia, J.; Hayes; Hunter; Jones, J.; Morales, C.; Ordaz; Rodríguez Ramos; Simmons; Vo; Ward Johnson.

CSHB 4 was passed to engrossment by (Record 25): 88 Yeas, 52 Nays, 0 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Mr. Speaker(C); Alders; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bonnen; Buckley; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Capriglione; Cook; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dyson; Fairly; Frank; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hickland; Holt; Hopper; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lambert; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Lopez, J.; Louderback; Lowe; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Money; Morgan; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Phelan; Pierson; Richardson; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Tepper; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Virdell; Wharton; Wilson.

Nays — Allen; Anchía; Bernal; Bhojani; Bowers; Bryant; Bucy; Canales; Cole; Collier; Cortez; Davis, Y.; Dutton; Flores; Gámez; García, L.; García Hernandez; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Howard; Johnson; Jones, V.; Lalani; Longoria; Lopez, R.; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; Meza; Moody; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Muñoz; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Plesa; Raymond; Reynolds; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Talarico; Thompson; Turner; Walle; Wu; Zwiener.

Absent — Campos; Davis, A.; Garcia, J.; Jones, J.; Morales, C.; Ordaz; Rodríguez Ramos; Simmons; Vo; Ward Johnson.

REASONS FOR VOTE

Representative J. Jones submitted the following reason for vote to be printed in the journal:

My House District 147, whose residents are also constituents of Texas 18, Texas 9, and Texas 29, is directly targeted by this plan. Plan C2333 cracks and packs Black and brown districts in a way that erases my constituents' ability to elect Black representation and dilutes Black and brown representation. This is a violation of the 14th Amendment's Equal Protection Clause and the Voting Rights Act, making it unconstitutional. My constituents have demanded that I not be present to give republican members the quorum they need in order to dismantle these rights. I am standing with them, and I will not be complicit in this injustice.

Notwithstanding my refusal to be in Austin to be complicit in this racism, my district office continues, and has always remained open, to address any needs of the constituents of House District 147. Let no one say that I abandoned my office or vacated my responsibilities. I have instead ensured that I kept myself safe, since the House has set law enforcement upon us, issued subpoenas, and authorized arrest warrants. Given the history of this country with racism, I—and my constituents—am deeply concerned for my personal safety, physical safety, and mental health.

Representative C. Morales submitted the following reason for vote to be printed in the journal:

When the record vote on **CSHB 4** was cast, I was away from my desk in protest of this redistricting scheme and the harm the proposed map would impose. But I remained on the frontlines of the fight my constituents demand their state representative to be engaged in. I could not let my constituents' voices fall on deaf ears. Concerned mothers from Second Ward and young students from Northline ask me the same question: What will you do to stop Trump's power grab? This fight is my answer to that question. We will all be asked for years to come what we did when the nation hinged on a fight in the Texas House. This is my stand for my district, my state, and my country.

This fight is painfully familiar. I've watched, waited, and fought for my neighbors to get fair representation, much less congressional representation that looks like us and shares our values. The fact is that each and every election from now on will be determined in advance. Because when our neighborhoods are cut apart, when our voices are diluted, it takes even more of us to simply have a chance at fair representation. That is by design, and it is devastating to see it happening in Texas.

What hurts the most is seeing our historic communities—Lindale Park, Magnolia Park, Near Northside, Park Place, the East End, and so many more—treated like pawns on a map. These are neighborhoods where families have lived and worked for generations. Places where culture, history, and resilience run deep. And yet, they are being sliced apart for political gain.

This isn't just about partisanship. It's about working families who depend on good schools, about our elders who rely on Medicaid and Medicare, about Latinos and immigrants who optimize the American dream. It's about democracy being erased to empower the few and the rich who are willing to bow to a false king. Republicans may have the numbers to pass these maps, but that doesn't make them just. It doesn't make them right. And it doesn't erase the truth: that Texans deserve maps that reflect who we are and honor the communities that built this state. The disappointment is heavy. The pain is real. And I know and I am not alone in feeling it.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Geren moved that the house adjourn until 5:25 p.m. today.

The motion prevailed by (Record 26): 87 Yeas, 52 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bonnen; Buckley; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Capriglione; Cook; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dyson; Fairly; Frank; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hickland; Holt; Hopper; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lambert; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Lopez, J.; Louderback; Lowe; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Money; Morgan; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Phelan; Pierson; Richardson; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Tepper; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Virdell; Wharton; Wilson.

Nays — Allen; Anchía; Bernal; Bhojani; Bowers; Bryant; Bucy; Canales; Cole; Collier; Cortez; Davis, Y.; Dutton; Flores; Gámez; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Howard; Johnson; Jones, V.; Lalani; Longoria; Lopez, R.; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; Meza; Moody; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Muñoz; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Plesa; Raymond; Reynolds; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Talarico; Thompson; Turner; Walle; Wu; Zwiener.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent — Campos; Davis, A.; Garcia, J.; Jones, J.; Morales, C.; Ordaz; Rodríguez Ramos; Simmons; Vo; Ward Johnson.

The house accordingly, at 5:21 p.m., adjourned until 5:25 p.m. today.

ADDENDUM

REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

The following bills and joint resolutions were today laid before the house, read first time, and referred to committees, and the following resolutions were today laid before the house and referred to committees. If indicated, the chair today corrected the referral of the following measures:

List No. 1

HB 19 (By Anchía), Relating to real property theft and real property fraud; establishing recording requirements for certain documents concerning real property; creating the criminal offenses of real property theft and real property fraud and establishing a statute of limitations, restitution, and certain procedures with respect to those offenses.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 21 (By Thompson), Relating to the calculation of the penalty and interest incurred on a delinquent ad valorem tax.

To Ways and Means.

HB 26 (By Oliverson, Schofield, DeAyala, Harless, and Hull), Relating to the funding of, contracting with, and employment for law enforcement agencies in certain counties.

To Intergovernmental Affairs.

HB 27 (By Harris, Ashby, Alders, and Hefner), Relating to the consideration by a groundwater conservation district of modeled available groundwater when issuing permits.

To Natural Resources.

HB 214 (By Orr, Metcalf, Bonnen, Leach, and Harris), Relating to the designation and use of certain spaces and facilities according to sex; authorizing a civil penalty and a private civil right of action.

To State Affairs.

HB 265 (By Hull, Meyer, Slawson, Leo Wilson, and Leach), Relating to governmental oversight of youth camps, including youth camp rules and the youth camp advisory committee.

To Public Health.

SB 2 to Disaster Preparedness and Flooding, Select.

SB 3 to Disaster Preparedness and Flooding, Select.

SB 5 to Disaster Preparedness and Flooding, Select.

SB 6 to Public Health.

SB 8 to State Affairs.

SB 10 to Ways and Means.

SB 11 to Criminal Jurisprudence.

SB 12 to State Affairs.

SB 13 to State Affairs.

SB 14 to Intergovernmental Affairs.

SB 15 to Homeland Security, Public Safety, and Veterans' Affairs.

SB 16 to Criminal Jurisprudence.

SB 18 to Disaster Preparedness and Flooding, Select.

SB 34 to House Administration.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

The following messages from the senate were today received by the house:

Message No. 1

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

SENATE CHAMBER

Austin, Texas

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

The Honorable Speaker of the House

House Chamber

Austin, Texas

Mr. Speaker:

I am directed by the senate to inform the house that the senate has taken the following action:

THE SENATE HAS PASSED THE FOLLOWING MEASURES:

SB 2 Perry SPONSOR: King
Relating to disaster preparedness, response, and recovery; requiring a license; authorizing fees.

SB 3 Bettencourt
Relating to outdoor warning sirens in flash flood-prone areas.

SB 5 Huffman SPONSOR: Bonnen
Relating to making supplemental appropriations for disaster relief and preparedness and giving direction and adjustment authority regarding those appropriations.

SB 6 Perry
Relating to the regulation of certain products derived from hemp, including consumable hemp products and the hemp-derived cannabinoids contained in those products; requiring occupational licenses and registrations; imposing fees; creating criminal offenses; authorizing an administrative penalty.

SB 8 Middleton
Relating to the designation and use of certain spaces and facilities according to sex; authorizing a civil penalty and a private civil right of action.

SB 10 Bettencourt
Relating to the calculation of the voter-approval tax rate for certain taxing units.

SB 11 Parker

Relating to an affirmative defense to prosecution for certain victims of trafficking of persons or compelling prostitution.

SB 12 Hughes

Relating to the duty of the attorney general to prosecute criminal offenses prescribed by the election laws of this state.

SB 13 Middleton

Relating to the use by a political subdivision of public funds for lobbying activities.

SB 14 Perry

Relating to the provision by a political subdivision of credits against impact fees to builders and developers for certain water conservation and reuse projects.

SB 15 King

Relating to certain files maintained by a law enforcement agency regarding certain employees of the agency.

SB 16 West

Relating to real property theft and real property fraud; establishing recording requirements for certain documents concerning real property; creating the criminal offenses of real property theft and real property fraud and establishing a statute of limitations, restitution, and certain procedures with respect to those offenses.

SB 18 Zaffirini

Relating to an exemption from the requirement to obtain a permit from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for certain dams or reservoirs operated and maintained for the purposes of erosion, floodwater, and sediment control.

SB 34 Huffman

Relating to testimony or the production of evidence before a house of the legislature or a legislative committee.

Respectfully,

Patsy Spaw

Secretary of the Senate

APPENDIX

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Favorable reports have been filed by committees as follows:

August 18

Congressional Redistricting, Select - **HB 4**

Disaster Preparedness and Flooding, Select - **HB 1, HB 2, HB 3, HB 5, HB 20, HB 22**