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This special session will go down in history as one of the hardest and most productive in years. For the first time in 24 years, the legislature was called into a Special Session the day after the Regular Session adjourned. Governor Perry originally tasked the Senate and House with several charges, including legislation relating to the fiscal matters of the state's budget and legislation relating to the containment of healthcare costs. The next week, he added the sunset bill of the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association and Congressional Redistricting to the call. A few days later, he added the Federal Secure Communities Program and the abolishment of sanctuary cities to the task list. Then just last week, he added the prosecution and punishment for the offense of oppression of persons seeking access to public buildings and transportation to our Special Session call.

We worked very hard for four weeks to tend to these items and many of them were accomplished, but there were several that did not make it through the entire process. In the end, SB 1, the fiscal matters bill; SB 8, dealing with the operation of school districts, SB 7; the healthcare cost containment bill, HB 3, dealing with the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association; and SB 4, Congressional Redistricting, have all been sent to Governor Perry with the hopes of receiving his signature to complete the legislative process.

The last two items did not make it through the full process. SB 9 and HB 9, commonly called "Sanctuary City" legislation, were left pending in committee after State leaders chose to place the language into SB 1. Unfortunately, this did not happen, and Governor Perry issued this statement in response, "I am disappointed the Legislature did not address sanctuary cities. Working with legislative leaders last weekend, we worked to include sanctuary city legislation in Senate Bill 1. Unfortunately, SB1 Conference Committee Chairman Robert Duncan ultimately refused to allow language related to the ban of sanctuary cities into the final version of Senate Bill 1. Because of this action, the special session will not provide our peace officers with the discretion they need to adequately keep Texans safe from those that would do them harm."

HB 41 and SB 29, otherwise known as "groping legislation", were also left on the table during the last day of the special legislative session. Due to a parliamentary requirement, the Senate bill had to replace the House bill on the floor or the House Chamber, because the Senate had already adjourned prior to the last day of the constitutional 30-day length of time. The vote to allow the Senate bill to be allowed on the House floor was lost as it is required to have the support of four-fifths of the body to pass.

Although we did not accomplish the last two items added to the Special Session call, we did complete every other task assigned to us by Governor Perry. I am proud of our work and now look forward to returning to my family, my friends and the people of District 127.

As I have mentioned before, our district office will have a Grand Opening on July 15th. Please look for more information about that very soon.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact my Capitol office at (512) 463-0520. And remember, you can always find out more by visiting www.house.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

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