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REP. JIM JACKSON REPORTS ON MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND BILL KILLING TACTICS

Austin--Many people have heard or read from news sources about the 4 days of delay over Memorial Day weekend that some Democratic members of the Texas House have used to slow the legislative calendar in order to kill the Voter ID Law for voter integrity. The voter integrity law requires voters to have proof of identification in order to vote. Some have even told me they watched some of the action or inaction on the streaming video.

Democrats have stalled all business on the House floor. While some will join me in disapproving the Democrat's action, others will support it. Regardless, their actions are within the House rules.

These parliamentary delay tactics includes one called "chubbing" which might be compared to a continued series of mini-filibusters. Using this tactic, they made a Local and Consent Calendar that would normally take 2 hours, last over 30 hours. Then in the new twist, they introduced multiple amendments to the top 10% rule reform bill (SB 175) on which they would speak 10 minutes and then withdraw the amendment.

The result of these actions is that many bills failed to get considered for final passage before the deadline for consideration. In fact, two bills I sponsored that would have made employment of children in sex clubs a public nuisance and increase the criminal penalty for repeat offense of such employment, **died on the calendar**.

Other bills killed due to parliamentary delay would have given us cleaner air, insurance reform, property rights, better domestic violence prevention, many children's services, including services for children with autism spectrum disorder and children's health programs as well as many other issues.

"Bills set on the calendar are there for a reason; they are important bills and are usually addressing issues in members' districts. Those who participated in the disruption of the House business may have been within the rules, or within their rights, but that doesn't make it right," Rep. Jackson said.

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