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ADDENDUM

LAWMAKERS WRAP UP SPECIAL SESSION IN TWO DAYS

The Texas Legislature finished off a two-day special session on July 2 by continuing the existence of five state agencies, including the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), and authorizing the issuance of \$2 billion in highway bonds.

Lawmakers never gave serious consideration to Governor Rick Perry's call to enact a continuation of the current authority to privatize toll roads. There is no indication that the governor will call legislators back to Austin to take up that issue again.

Under S.B.2, which the governor is expected to sign, TxDOT will face sunset review again in 2011. The bill also establishes a 2011 sunset date for the following additional agencies: the Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation, the Texas Department of Insurance, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Texas Water Development Board, the Railroad Commission of Texas, and the Texas Racing Commission.

The following agencies were given a 2013 sunset date: the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, and the Health and Human Services Commission.