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### Quote of the day

"As soon as I get done with committees, I'm going to ask my wife for a date because I haven't seen her in two weeks."

— House Speaker Tom Craddick, talking about the work that goes into making House committee assignments

## TUESDAY IN THE LEGISLATURE

### Hail to the police

Rep. Toby Goodman, R-Arlington, will present a resolution to the House today hailing the Arlington Police Department for recently achieving reaccreditation under the auspices of a respected law enforcement umbrella organization.

In his resolution, Goodman notes that the department met or exceeded all the standards set by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. The commission was founded by the International Association of Police Chiefs, the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, the National Sheriff's Association and the Police Executive Research Forum.

### Cremation regulation

Bills filed by Sen. John Carona, R-Dallas, and Rep. Kenny Marchant, R-Carrollton, would impose tougher state regulations on the cremation business in Texas.

The lawmakers want to require licensing of all crematories, training and certification of all crematory operators, tracking and verification of the identity of human remains through the cremation process and state inspection of all cremation facilities.

Service Corporation International of Houston, a large operator of crematories nationally, was quick to announce its backing of the proposed legislation. Company officials said the measure would protect consumers.

### School competition

Rep. Joe Nixon, R-Houston, filed a bill that would give the state more oversight of interscholastic competition.

The measure would also open interscholastic competition to private schools in Texas.

The legislation proposes to abolish the University Interscholastic League, replacing it with the Texas Schoolchildren's Academic and Athletic Commission, to be made up of state-appointed members.

Nixon said the commission would be self-funded, requiring no additional money from the state.

### Upcoming

Gov. Rick Perry will address two conservative organizations today. At noon, he delivers an address to the annual Texas Association of Business conference. At 6:30 p.m., he delivers the keynote speech at the Texas Public Policy Foundation's legislative orientation dinner.

Compiled from staff and wire reports