



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
**JOE STRAUS**  
**SPEAKER**

**PROCLAMATION**

Pursuant to Rule 1, Section 16 of the House Rules, I, Joe Straus, Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, hereby expand the jurisdiction of the House Select Committee on Transparency in State Agency Operations to include the following: The committee shall monitor the conduct of individuals appointed to offices of the executive branch of state government, including university regents, to ensure that such officers are acting in the best interest of the agencies and institutions they govern. In accordance with Chapter 665, Government Code, the committee shall have the authority to investigate matters relating to misconduct, malfeasance, misfeasance, abuse of office, or incompetency of such officers, and may propose appropriate articles of impeachment against such officers if the committee determines that grounds for impeachment exist. The committee may delegate the committee's investigatory duties to one or more subcommittees.

Moreover, during the First Called Session of the 83rd Legislature, the committee shall have authority to initiate and conduct impeachment proceedings as described in Chapter 665, Government Code, on behalf of the Texas House of Representatives regarding one or more such officers and may continue its investigations and make recommendations to the Texas House of Representatives thereafter as provided by Section 665.003, Government Code. If after a full and fair investigation under Chapter 665, Government Code, the committee determines that grounds for impeachment exist, the committee may propose appropriate articles of impeachment against one or more such officers and present those articles to the Texas House of Representatives to consider for presentment to the Texas Senate. Pursuant to Section 665.003, Government Code, the Texas House of Representatives may reconvene at a time determined by the Speaker upon written notification that the committee has recommended articles of impeachment so that the Texas House of Representatives may consider such articles.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Straus".

Joe Straus  
Speaker of the House

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