

**Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic  
Security**

**CS/HB 249 — Designation of Official State Flagship**

by State Affairs Committee and Rep. Gonzalez Pittman and others (SB 1656 by Senator Burgess)

The bill redesignates the state flagship. Instead of the schooner Western Union, the bill designates the S.S. American Victory as the official state flagship.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect on July 1, 2026.

*Vote: Senate 34-0; House 114-0*