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The Senate Natural Resources Committee met in a special called session on Thursday, May 26, 1977, in the Senate Reception Room. Present were Sherman, Williams, Farabee, Hance, Kothmann, Mengden, Patman, and Truan.

Unanimous consent had been requested from the Senate Floor to hear S.R. 758, and it was laid out by the Chair. Senator Mengden explained the resolution, and moved that it be returned to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. Voting aye were Sherman, Williams, Farabee, Hance, Kothmann, Mengden, and Patman. The motion passed, and the bill was recommended for the Local Calendar.

House Bill 2223 was laid out by the Chair and explained by Senator Sherman pending Senator Andujar's arrival. Senator Andujar arrived from another meeting and added her further explanation of the bill. Senator Williams moved that H.B. 2223 be returned to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. Voting aye were Sherman, Williams, Hance, Kothmann, Mengden, and Patman. The motion passed, and the bill was recommended for the Local Calendar.

House Bill 1470 was laid out by the Chair and explained by Representative Hubenak for Senator Hance. Ed Small registered for the bill, but did not testify. Senator Hance then moved that H.B. 1470 be returned to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. Voting aye were Sherman, Williams, Farabee, Hance, Kothmann, and Patman. The motion passed.

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The Chair laid out H.B. 1967 and recognized Senator Traeger to explain the bill. Senator Kothmann sent up Amendment No. 1 at the request of the House Sponsor, Rep. Tim Von Dohlen, who spoke for the bill. Senator Farabee moved adoption of the amendment, and it passed. Mr. Ed Small, representing the Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers, Austin, spoke against the bill. There being no further witnesses, Senator Williams moved that H.B. 1967 as amended be returned to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. Voting aye were Sherman, Williams, Hance (voted aye after first passing), Kothmann, Mengden, and Patman. Voting no was Senator Farabee. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 1.

House Bill 1799 was laid out by the Chair, and explained by Senator Sherman. Senator Hance sent up Committee Amendment No. 1, which was adopted without objection. Testifying for the bill:

For:

Johnny Carter, representing Solar Dynamics, Ltd., Austin

David Marloe, also repr. Solar Dynamics, Ltd., Austin

Against as amended:

Robert J. King, repr. Texas Solar Energy Society, Austin.

Following testimony and discussion, Senator Hance moved that H.B. 1799 as amended be returned to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. Voting aye were Sherman, Williams, Hance, Kothmann, Mengden, and Patman. The motion passed 6 to 0.

The Chair laid out H.J.R. 40, and Senator Sherman explained the bill. Senator Patman moved that H.J.R. 40 be returned to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. Voting aye were Sherman, Farabee, Hance, Kothmann, Patman, and Truan. Voting no was Mengden. The

(motion passed by a vote of 6 to 1. (H.J.R. 40 was left pending from the meeting on May 25, 1977.)

House Bill 434, which was also left pending from May 25, was again laid out by the Chair. Senator Sherman moved that H.B. 434 be returned to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. Aye votes: Sherman, Hance, Mengden, and Patman. No votes: Farabee, Kothmann, and Truan. The motion failed by a vote of 4 to 3.

(House Bill 1400 was again laid out by the Chair from the meeting on May 25. Senator Hance sent up an amendment and moved its adoption. The vote on the amendment was as follows: Ayes: Hance, Kothmann; Noes: Sherman, Patman. Senator Truan passed. There being two ayes, two noes, and one pass, the motion failed of adoption. The bill was left pending in Committee due to the absence of a quorum for a vote.

House Bill 1415 was laid out by the Chair and explained by Senator Traeger. Senator Traeger introduced Rep. Don Rains, who spoke for the bill. Testimony was given by:

For:

Mayor Edwin L. Faust, representing the City of Grey Forest,
San Antonio, Texas;

J. Thomas Kirby, repr. City of Grey Forest, Grey Forest;

Against:

Rep. Donald Cartwright;

Stewart Schooler, repr. City Public Service Board, San Antonio;

Kenneth Harz, repr. City Public Service, Bulverde.

Representative Rains and Senator Traeger made closing statements for the bill. No action was taken on the bill due to the absence of a quorum.

(There being no further business, the Committee recessed subject to the call of the Chair.