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The Economic Development Committee met Monday, March 11, 1985, at 9:00 a.m., in the Lieutenant Governor's Committee Room.

As there was a quorum present, the Chair asked the Committee Counsel to call the roll. Those present at roll call were: Senators Harris, Glasgow, Henderson, Howard, Jones, Sims, and Traeger. Those arriving later were: Senators Leedom, Montford, Blake, and Parmer.

The Chair laid out S.B. 492 and called on its sponsor, Senator Jones, to explain the bill. He was questioned by Senator Henderson. The first witness to testify in favor of the bill was L. A. Murr, [REDACTED] Drive, Sunnyvale, representing the Independent Electrical Contractors. The second witness testifying in favor of the bill was Jack Turner, [REDACTED] Houston, representing the Independent Electrical Contractors of Texas. Senator Leedom had questions for the witness. The next witness testifying in favor of the bill was Gilbert Hazzard, [REDACTED] Dallas, representing the Independent Electrical Contractors. He was questioned by Senator Traeger. The following witnesses registered in favor of the bill, but did not testify: Lee Groves, [REDACTED] Farmers Branch, representing Groves Electrical Service; James Hicks, [REDACTED] Fort Worth, representing Hicks Electric, Inc.; Mike Schwartz, [REDACTED] Arlington, representing Mike's Electric Company, Inc.; Gary Dalrymple, [REDACTED] Arlington, representing J & M Electric Company; Thomas Jones, [REDACTED] Fort Worth, representing the Independent Electrical Contractors; and Mitchell Feris, [REDACTED] Fort Worth, representing Feris Electric Company. Senator Jones then summarized the testimony on the bill, and was questioned by Senator Traeger.

The Chair then called witnesses registered in opposition to S.B. 492. The first witness called was Larry Niemann, 1210 American Bank Tower, representing the Texas Apartment Association and the Texas Building Owners and Managers Association. He was questioned by Senator Jones and Senator Harris. The next witness was Thomas Harmon, [REDACTED] Houston, representing himself. He was questioned by Senator Jones. The next witness to testify in opposition to the bill was R. G. Wilkinson, [REDACTED] Houston, representing the Texas Electrical Industry Council. He was questioned by Senators Henderson, Leedom, and Harris. The next witness was James Tatum, [REDACTED] Tomball, representing the Texas Affiliated Chapters, National Electrical Contractors Association. There were questions from Senators Harris, Jones, and Traeger. The next witness was Dr. Eldon Husband, [REDACTED] Alvin, representing E & E Engineering. The final witness to testify in opposition to S.B. 492 was Malcolm Thomas, [REDACTED] Alvin, representing the

Texas Electrical Industry Council. He was questioned by Senator Jones. The following witnesses registered in opposition to the bill, but did not testify: Robert Nicoletti, [REDACTED] Austin, representing the Texas Electrical Industry Council; James Jones, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Houston, representing C. A. Robinson Electric Company; C. A. Robinson, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Houston, representing C. A. Robinson Electric Company; C. A. Robinson, II, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Houston, representing C. A. Robinson Electric Company; Joe Bebee, 7524 N. Lamar, Austin, representing Bebee Electrical Service; Donald McIntosh, [REDACTED] Pasadena, representing Apprenticeship & Training of Texas; Dick Greene, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Houston, representing Greene Electric; Henry Bravene, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] representing himself; and C. T. Biddle, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Houston, representing Texas Association of Contractors. Senator Jones moved that S.B. 492 be sent to a subcommittee, to be named by the Chair, for further study. The motion was adopted without objection. Senator Harris named Senator Jones as chairman of the subcommittee. The other members are Senator Parmer and Senator Leedom.

The Chair then laid out Senator McFarland's bill, S.B. 533. Senator McFarland explained the bill. Senator Glasgow sent up a committee substitute for the bill, and moved its adoption. The substitute was adopted without objection. The Chair called Gilbert Friedlander, 900 Jackson, Dallas, representing the Corporate Section of the State Bar of Texas, to testify in favor of the bill. He was questioned by Senator Jones and Senator Leedom. The next witness to testify in favor of the bill was Mark Hanna, [REDACTED] Austin, representing the Texas Association of Realtors. Sandy Kress, 900 Jackson Street, Dallas, representing the Corporate Section of the State Bar of Texas, registered in favor of the bill, but did not testify. R. Scott Cohen, 900 Jackson, Dallas, representing the Corporate Section of the State Bar of Texas, also registered in favor of the bill, but did not testify. Brian Smith, Sam Houston Building, Austin, representing the Corporations Division of the Secretary of State, testified as a resource witness on the bill. He was questioned by Senator Traeger. There were no witnesses registered in opposition to the bill. Senator Glasgow moved that S.B. 533 do not pass, but that C.S.S.B. 533 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of nine ayes, and no nays, with two absent.

The Chair next laid out H.B. 316, by Messer, and called on the sponsor, Senator Glasgow, to explain the bill. Senator Glasgow sent up a committee substitute for the bill, and moved its adoption. The substitute was adopted without objection. The Chair called Wade Spilman, 919 Congress, Austin, representing the Independent Insurance Agents of Texas, to testify in favor of the bill. The second witness to testify in favor of the bill was Joe Longley, 602 Brown Building, Austin, representing the Texas Trial Lawyers Association.

The following witnesses registered in favor of the bill, but did not testify: Richard Geiger, 2001 Bryan Tower, Dallas, representing the Association of Fire and Casualty Companies in Texas; Sam Winters, [REDACTED] Austin, representing the Texas Life Insurance Association; Steven Hacker, 213 S. Lamar, Austin, representing the Professional Insurance Agents of Texas; Pat Cain, 408 First Federal Plaza, Austin, representing Federated Accident and Health Insurance of Texas; Kenneth Tooley, 1920 S. IH 35, Austin, representing the Texas Association of Life Underwriters and the Texas General Agents and Managers Association; and Will Davis, 200 Perry Brooks Building, Austin, representing the Texas Legal Reserve Officials Association. Senator Glasgow moved that H.B. 316 do not pass, but that C.S.H.B. 316 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of ten ayes, and no nays, with one absent.

The Chair then laid out S.B. 413 and called on its sponsor, Senator Henderson, to explain the bill. The Chair called Will Davis, 200 Perry Brooks Building, Austin, representing the Texas Legal Reserve Officials Association, Humana Hospital, and Baylor Medical Center, to testify in favor of the bill. He was questioned by Senators Traeger, Jones, Leedom, Sims, Glasgow, and Blake. The second witness to testify was Howard Korn, 3988 N. Central Expressway, Dallas, representing American General Group Insurance. There were questions from Senators Jones, Traeger, Leedom, and Blake. The next witness was Frank Riker, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Dallas, representing Baylor Preferred Provider Organization. Senator Jones had questions of the witness.

The Chair then announced it was 11:00 a.m., and the Senate was convening, thus ending the hearing. The Chair stated that S.B. 413 and S.B. 451 would be left as pending business. Senator Leedom moved that the committee stand adjourned, subject to call of the chair, and the Committee on Economic Development adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

APPROVED: _____


O. H. "Ike" Harris
Chairman

Submitted by:
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