

Old Supreme Courtroom

February 22, 1977

Public notice having been posted on H.B. Nos. 252, 29, 720, 769, 819, 880, and 564 on February 16, 1977, the Committee on Health and Welfare convened in a public hearing, and was called to order by Chairman Wilson at 2:37 p.m.

The roll was answered as follows:

Present: Chairman Wilson, Representatives Ezzell, Glossbrenner, Gonzales, Miller, Untermeyer, and Vaughan.

Absent: Vice-Chairman Madla, Representatives Whitehead, Delco, Florence, Orr, and Von Dohlen.

A quorum was present.

S.B. 30 by Adams

The Chair laid out S.B. 30 by Adams, the companion bill to H.B. 24 by Wilson of Harris, on which a public hearing was held on January 31, 1977. Representative Miller moved that Amendment No. 1 be adopted. There being no objection, Amendment No. 1 was adopted. Representative Miller moved that S.B. 30 be reported back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. The motion passed with seven (7) ayes, no nays, and one (1) present not voting.

Representative Whitehead was present at this time.

Voting For the Motion: Chairman Wilson, Representatives Ezzell, Glossbrenner, Gonzales, Miller, Untermeyer, and Vaughan.

Voting Against the Motion: None.

Present Not Voting: Representative Whitehead.

H.B. 252 by Ezzell

The Chair laid out H.B. 252 before the Committee for consideration and recognized Representative Ezzell to explain the bill.

The Chair recognized Raymond W. Vowell, Commissioner, Texas State Department of Public Welfare, representing the Department, to speak in favor of the bill.

The Chair recognized Fred Biel, General Counsel, Texas State Department of Public Welfare, to speak in favor of the bill.

Representatives Von Dohlen and Madla were present at this time.

Representative Ezzell read a letter from Sister Rosemary Redmond, supporting H.B. 252.

The Chair recognized Nancy Tracy, Attorney, representing the Older Americans Legal Action Center, Legal Protective Services for Adults Division, to speak in favor of the bill.

The Chair recognized Mary Lou Hipolito, Caseworker for Family Service Association of San Antonio, representing the Family Service Association of San Antonio, to speak in favor of the bill.

The Chair recognized Shirley J. Goff, Staff Assistant, Texas Association of Homes for the Aging, representing Texas Association of Homes for the Aging, to speak in favor of the bill.

The Chair recognized Representative Ezzell to close on his bill.

Representative Miller offered Amendment No. 1 to H.B. 252 and moved the adoption of said amendment. There being no objection, Amendment No. 1 was adopted. Representative Miller moved that H.B. 252 be reported back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. The motion passed with seven (7) yeas and two (2) nays.

Voting For the Motion: Chairman Wilson, Representatives Ezzell, Madla, Whitehead, Glossbrenner, Gonzales, and Miller.

Voting Against the Motion: Representatives Untermeyer and Vaughan.

H.B. 720 by Ezzell

The Chair laid out H.B. 720 before the Committee for consideration and recognized Representative Ezzell to explain the bill.

The Chair recognized James A. Adkins, Attorney with Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, representing Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation,

to speak in favor of the bill.

The Chair recognized Representative Ezzell to close on his bill.

Representative Untermeyer moved to send to Subcommittee. Representative Madla moved to amend the motion to report the bill to the House favorably. The amendment passed by a vote of seven (7) ayes and two (2) present not voting.

Voting For the Motion: Representatives Madla, Whitehead, Ezzell, Glossbrenner, Gonzales, Miller, and Vaughan.

Voting Against the Motion: None.

Present Not Voting: Chairman Wilson and Representative Untermeyer.

The motion as amended passed and the bill was reported back to the House favorably with a vote of nine (9) ayes and no nays.

Voting For the Motion: Chairman Wilson, Representatives Madla, Whitehead, Ezzell, Glossbrenner, Gonzales, Miller, Untermeyer, and Vaughan.

Voting Against the Motion: None.

H.B. 29 by Vale

The Chair laid out H.B. 29 and recognized Representative Vale to explain the bill.

The Chair recognized Adele G. Freymann, Unit Director, Human Development Center, Austin-Travis County Mental Health and Mental Retardation, representing herself, to speak in favor of the bill.

The Chair recognized Rudolph Zapata, Caseworker in drug abuse, representing himself, to speak in favor of the bill.

H.B. 769 by Hoestenbach

The Chair laid out H.B. 769 and recognized Representative Hoestenbach to explain the bill.

Representative Orr was present at this time.

The Chair recognized John R. Trautman, M.D., physician, representing U. S. Public Health Service, to speak in favor of the bill.

Consideration on H.B. 769 was postponed and testimony on H.B. 29 resumed.

H.B. 29 by Vale

The Chair recognized Walter Aeschbach, Unit Psychiatrist, Human Development Center, representing himself, to speak in favor of the bill.

Representative Delco was present at this time.

The Chair recognized Father Dermot N. Brosnan, representing himself and the Patrician Movement, to speak in favor of the bill.

The Chair recognized Dario Chapa, Administrator of Child Abuse/Neglect Research Project, representing the Mexican American Neighborhood Civic Organization, to speak in favor of the bill.

The Chair recognized Remigio Valdez, Jr., retired military, representing himself, to speak in favor of the bill.

The Chair recognized Representative Hugo Berlanga to speak in favor of the bill.

The Chair recognized Daniel R. Bustamante, Clinic Supervisor, Casa de Amigos Drug Treatment Program, representing the Casa de Amigos Drug Treatment Program, to speak in favor of the bill.

The Chair recognized James K. Nance, Attorney, representing E. I. duPont Corporation, to speak against the bill.

The Chair recognized George Henry Brock, manufacture of hydrocarbon aerosol propellants, representing Aeropres Corporation, to speak against the bill.

The Chair recognized Richard G. Gohman, representing Jones Blair Paint Company, to speak against the bill.

The Chair recognized Allan R. Molsbee, paint manufacturing, representing Southland Paint Co., Inc., to speak against the bill.

The Chair recognized Representative Vale to close on his bill.

Representative Ezzell moved that H.B. 29 be referred to a Subcommittee to be named by the Chair. Representative

Madla moved to amend the motion so that H.B. 29 be reported back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. The amendment failed by a vote of four (4) ayes, five (5) nays, and one (1) present not voting.

Voting For the Motion: Representatives Madla, Ezzell, Florence, and Glossbrenner.

Voting Against the Motion: Representatives Whitehead, Orr, Untermeyer, Vaughan, and Von Dohlen.

Present Not Voting: Chairman Wilson.

The Ezzell motion passed with a vote of eight (8) ayes, no nays, and two (2) present not voting.

Voting For the Motion: Representatives Ezzell, Delco, Glossbrenner, Gonzales, Miller, Orr, Untermeyer, and Vaughan.

Voting Against the Motion: None.

Present Not Voting: Chairman Wilson and Representative Madla.

The Chair appointed the following Subcommittee to consider H.B. 29:

Chairman Ezzell
Representative Vaughan
Representative Delco
Representative Whitehead
Representative Untermeyer

The Chair laid out H.B. 769 by Hoestenbach.

Representative Ezzell offered Amendment No. 1 to H.B. 769, and moved that Amendment No. 1 be adopted. There being no objection, Amendment No. 1 was adopted. Representative Ezzell moved that H.B. 769, as amended, be reported back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. The motion passed by a vote of nine (9) ayes, no nays, and one (1) present not voting.

Voting For the Motion: Representatives Madla, Ezzell, Delco, Glossbrenner, Gonzales, Orr, Untermeyer, Vaughan, and Von Dohlen.

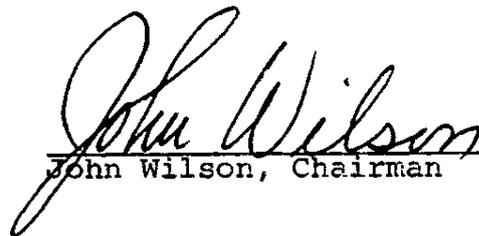
Voting Against the Motion: None.

Present Not Voting: Chairman Wilson.

The Chair discussed the Committee meeting schedule for next week.

Because of the lateness of the hour, Representative Ezzell moved that the remaining bills be heard at a later date and that the Committee recess subject to call of the Chair.

There being no objection, the Committee recessed at 6:24 p.m.


John Wilson, Chairman