

ROOM 346, Capitol Building

Public Notice having been posted at 8:45 a.m. on February 23, 1979, the Committee on Constitutional Amendments met in Public Hearing and was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by the Chairman, Albert (Al) Brown.

The roll was answered as follows:

PRESENT: Brown, Criss, Leonard, Sharp, Hollowell, Keller (6)

ABSENT: Close, Hudson, Willis (3)

The Chairman announced that a quorum was present.

The Chairman directed that the Rules of the House and the Rules of the Committee as adopted would apply.

The Chairman instructed all witnesses present to testify on any of the four (4) HJRs to stand and be sworn. He also instructed them to complete a Witness Affirmation Form for each resolution on which they were to testify.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 34 BY GRANT

The Chair recognized Representative Ben Grant to explain HJR 34.

The Chair recognized Judge Joe L. Draughn of Houston, President-elect of the Texas Municipal Courts Association, to speak for HJR 34.

The Chair recognized Ms. Ada Pearson, Deputy Director, Commission on Judicial Conduct, to speak for HJR 34.

Mr. Hollowell left the meeting at this time.

Mr. Willis is now present.

Mr. Criss moved that HJR 34 be referred to subcommittee for further study.

The motion prevailed without objection.

Accordingly, the Chair referred HJR 34 to a subcommittee composed of the following members:

Willis, Chairman
Close
Leonard

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 54 BY D. HILL

The Chair recognized Representative Danny Hill to explain HJR 54.

The Chair recognized Mr. Gary Pinnell, an attorney from San Antonio, to speak for HJR 54.

Mr. Pinnell stated that there would be an amendment to HJR 54 and this was verified by Representative Hill.

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The Chair recognized Jerome Hill, IV, an estate planning and probate attorney from Austin, to speak for HJR 54.

Mr. Sharp moved that HJR 54 be referred to subcommittee for further study.

The motion prevailed without objection.

Accordingly, the Chair referred HJR 54 to subcommittee composed of the following members:

Leonard, Chairman
Close
Hudson

Mr. Hudson is now present.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 37 BY JONES

The Chair recognized Representative Luther Jones to explain HJR 37.

The Chair recognized E. Brian Graham, Administrative Assistant to Representative Jones, to speak for HJR 37.

Mr. Graham presented a substitution for HJR 37 and this was verified by Representative Jones.

Mr. Keller moved that HJR 37 be referred to subcommittee for further study.

The motion prevailed without objection.

Accordingly, the Chair referred HJR 37 to a subcommittee composed of the following members:

Hudson, Chairman
Keller
Sharp

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 51 BY SALINAS

The Chair recognized Representative Salinas to explain HJR 51.

Mr. Hollowell returned to the meeting.

The Chair recognized Mr. C. Dean Davis, an attorney from Austin, representing the Texas Association of Life Underwriters, to speak for HJR 51.

Mr. Willis left the meeting at this time.

Mr. Hollowell moved that HJR 51 be referred to subcommittee for further study.

The motion prevailed without objection.

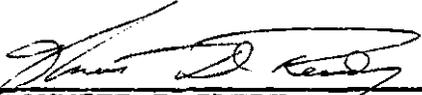
Accordingly, the Chair referred HJR 51 to a subcommittee composed of the following members:

Sharp, Chairman
Keller
Criss

Motion was made that the Committee on Constitutional Amendments stand in recess until Wednesday, March 7, 1979, at 3:00 p.m. or subject to the call of the Chair.

There being no objection, the Committee recessed at 4:10 p.m.


ALBERT (AL) BROWN, COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN


COMMITTEE CLERK