

ROOM 346, Capitol Building

Public Notice having been posted at 5:30 p.m. on March 8, 1979, the Committee on Constitutional Amendments met in Public Hearing and was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by the Chairman, Albert (Al) Brown.

The roll was answered as follows:

PRESENT: Brown, Close, Criss, Hollowell, Keller (5)

ABSENT: Leonard, Hudson, Sharp, Willis (4)

The Chairman announced that a quorum was present. Chair 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 six (6) 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 7 BY CLOSE

The Chair recognized Representative Bob Close to explain HJR 7. The Chair recognized Mr. Michael J. McAndrew, an expert witness called by Representative Close, representing the Texas Industrial Commission, to speak on HJR 7. Mr. McAndrew testified only as an expert witness. He did not speak either for or against HJR 7.

Mr. Leonard is now present.

The Chair recognized Mr. Harry Hubbard, President of the Texas AFL-CIO, representing the workers of Texas, who spoke against the HJR 7. Numerous questions were asked Mr. Hubbard including how he felt his membership would vote "for or against" personal income tax. Mr. Hubbard stated that he felt 75% would vote against a personal income tax.

The Chair recognized Ms. Jan Albers, Legislative Director of the Texas League of Women Voters, to speak against HJR 7. Ms. Albers also stated that she was opposed to HJRS 10,, 11, 60, 75, and 102. Chairman Brown asked Ms. Albers if she was speaking for the League of Women Voters when she stated that she was in opposition to the six pieces of legislation being considered. Ms. Albers answered in the affirmative.

Mr. Keller moved that HJR 7 be referred to a subcommittee for further study.

The motion prevailed without objection.

Accordingly the Chair referred HJR 7 to a subcommittee composed of the following members:

Criss, Chairman
Sharp
Keller

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 10 BY CARAWAY

The Chair recognized Representative Bill Caraway to explain HJR 10.

Mr. Hollowell moved that HJR 10 be referred to subcommittee for further study.

The motion prevailed without objection.

Accordingly the Chair referred HJR 10 to a subcommittee composed of the following members:

Criss, Chairman
Sharp
Keller

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 60 BY SHARP

The Chair recognized Representative Stan Schlueter to explain HJR 60 who was present at the request of Mr. Sharp in order to present the resolution to the committee.

Mr. Keller moved that HJR 60 be referred to subcommittee for further study.

The motion prevailed without objection.

Accordingly the Chair referred HJR 60 to a subcommittee composed of the following members:

Criss, Chairman
Sharp
Keller

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 75 BY SCHLUETER

The Chair recognized Representative Stan Schlueter to explain HJR 75.

Mr. Criss moved that HJR 75 be referred to subcommittee for further study.

The motion prevailed without objection.

Accordingly the Chair referred HJR 75 to a subcommittee composed of the following members:

Criss, Chairman
Sharp
Keller

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 11 BY MCLEOD

HJR 11 by Representative Douglas McLeod was presented by the Chairman, Representative Albert Brown.

Mr. Hollowell moved that HJR 11 be referred to subcommittee for further study.

The motion prevailed without objection.

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Accordingly, the Chair referred HJR 11 to a subcommittee composed of the following members:

Criss, Chairman
Keller
Sharp

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 102 BY BROWN

Chairman Brown relinquished his position as Chairman of the Committee to Vice-Chairman Bob Close, in order to explain his own HJR 102.

Mr. Hollowell moved that HJR 102 be referred to subcommittee for further study.

The motion prevailed without objection.

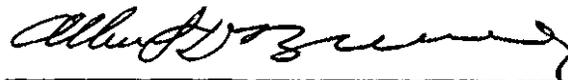
Accordingly, the Chair referred HJR 102 to a subcommittee composed of the following members:

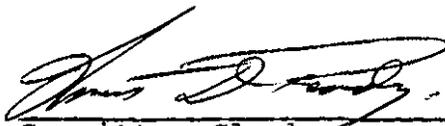
Criss, Chairman
Keller
Sharp

Mr. Brown now resumed his position as Chairman of the Committee.

Motion was made that the Committee on Constitutional Amendments stand in recess until Wednesday, March 21, 1979, at 3:00 p.m. or subject to the call of the Chair.

There being no objection, the Committee recessed at 7:15 p.m.


ALBERT (AL) BROWN, COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN


Committee Clerk

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