

ROOM 100 B, JOHN H. REAGAN STATE OFFICE BUILDING

Public Notice having been posted at 5:00 p.m. on February 20, 1979, the Committee on State Affairs met in Public Hearing and was called to order at 9:40 a.m. by the Chairman, D. R. "Tom" Uher.

The roll was answered as follows:

PRESENT: Uher, Green, Ceverha, McFarland, Blythe, Gibson, Gilley, Grubbs, Pierce, Temple, Whitehead. (11)

ABSENT: Brown, Elizondo, Hall, Henderson. (4)

The Chairman announced that a quorum was present.

H.B. 55 by Keller:

The Chair laid out H.B. 55 and recognized Mr. Keller to explain the bill.

Mr. Elizondo now present.

Mr. Hall now present.

Mr. Henderson now present.

The Chair recognized Mr. G. W. Wilhite, representing himself, to speak for H.B. 55.

The Chair recognized J. Q. Sutherlin, representing Texas Federation of the Blind, Ex-Students, Texas School for the Blind and himself, to speak against H.B. 55.

The Chair recognized Ms. Nell Scales, representing herself, to speak against H.B. 55.

The Chair recognized Mr. Ernie W. Tullis, representing Texas Employment Commission, to speak against H.B. 55.

The Chair recognized Mr. John P. Best, representing the Governor's Coordinating Office for the Visually Handicapped, to speak on H.B. 55.

Mr. Blythe moved that H.B. 55 be referred to Subcommittee for further consideration.

There being no objection, the Chair referred H.B. 55 to a Subcommittee composed of:

Blythe, Chairman
Gibson
McFarland

H.B. 585 by Donaldson and Nabers:

The Chair laid out H.B. 585 and recognized Mr. Nabers to explain the bill.

The Chair recognized Mr. Don Jordan, representing the investor owned electric utilities, to speak for H.B. 585.



The Chair recognized Mr. E. R. Wall, representing himself and El Paso Electric Co., to speak for H.B. 585,

The Chair recognized Mr. Don Cheatham, representing the City of Amarillo and various Panhandle cities, to speak against H.B. 585.

The Chair recognized Mr. Ray Salazar, representing himself, to speak against H.B. 585.

The Chair recognized Mr. Steve Bartlett, representing the City of Dallas, to speak against H.B. 585.

The Chair recognized Mrs. Peggy Buchorn, representing Citizens for Equitable Utilities Inc., to speak against H.B. 585.

The Chair recognized Mr. R. D. Wilkerson, representing the City of Pampa and area towns, to speak against H.B. 585.

The Chair recognized Mr. Richard J. Mertz, representing the City of Corpus Christi, to speak against H.B. 585.

The Chair recognized Mr. J. Pat Stephens, representing the City of Canyon and other Panhandle cities, to speak against H.B. 585.

The Chair recognized Mr. J. William Earle, representing the City of Houston, to speak against H.B. 585.

The Chair recognized Mr. Thomas Z. James, representing the City of Dallas, to speak against H.B. 585.

The Chair recognized Mr. John C. Ross, Jr., representing the City of Lubbock, to be acknowledged as against H.B. 585.

The Chair recognized Mr. Jack Hopper, representing himself, to speak against H.B. 585.

The Chair recognized Mr. Donaldson to further explain the bill.

Mr. Temple moved that H.B. 585 be referred to Subcommittee for further consideration.

There being no objection, the Chair referred H.B. 585 to a Subcommittee composed of;

Temple, Chairman
Pierce
Henderson

The Chair moved to recess for five minutes and to reconvene in the House Chamber of the State Capitol.

There being no objection, the Chair recessed the meeting at 11:55 a.m.



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The Chair reconvened the Committee at 12:05 p.m. in the House Chamber of the State Capitol.

H.B. 311 by Jones:

The Chair laid out H.B. 311 and recognized Mr. Jones to explain the bill.

H.B. 744 by Hill of Potter:

The Chair laid out H.B. 744 and recognized Mr. Hill to explain the bill.

The Chair recognized Mr. William Leikam, representing himself, to speak for H.B. 744 with certain changes.

Mr. Whitehead moved that the Committee recess until one half hour after adjournment of the daily session of the House of Representatives.

There being no objection, the Chair recessed the Committee at 1:00 p.m.

The Chair reconvened the Committee at 5:30 p.m. in the House Chamber.

Members present included:

Uher, Green, Ceverha, Blythe, Elizondo, Gibson, Gilley, Grubbs, Hall, Henderson, Pierce, Temple, Whitehead.

Members absent included:

Brown, McFarland.

The Chair recognized Mr. John Coates, representing himself and Texas Association of Defense Counsel, to speak for H.B. 744.

Mr. McFarland now present.

The Chair recognized Mr. Donald E. Godwin, representing himself and his clients, to speak for H.B. 744.

The Chair recognized Mr. Jack Ayres, Jr., representing himself and Kelsoe and Ayres, P.C., to speak for H.B. 744.

Mr. McFarland moved that the Committee stand recessed for an hour.

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

The Chair reconvened the Committee at 8:45 p.m.

The Chair recognized Mr. Bob Sheehy, representing Texas Retailers Association, to speak for H.B. 744.

Mr. Gibson now in Chair.

The Chair recognized Mr. B. E. Schroeder, representing Texas Federation of Agriculture Cooperatives, to speak for H.B. 744.

Mr. Uher now in Chair.

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The Chair recognized Mr. Joe K. Longley, representing himself, to speak against H.B. 744 and H.B. 311.

Mr. McFarland now in Chair.

The Chair recognized Mr. Wallace Craig, representing himself, to speak against H.B. 744 and H.B. 311.

The Chair recognized Anne C. McAfee, representing Travis County Democratic Women's Committee, to speak against H.B. 744.

The Chair recognized Mr. Barry Snell, representing himself, to speak against H.B. 744 and H.B. 311.

The Chair recognized Mr. Paul Kens, representing Gulf Coast Legal Foundation, to speak against H.B. 744 and H.B. 311.

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The Chair recognized Mr. Spencer H. Gardner, representing Harris County District Attorney's Office, to speak against H.B. 744 and H.B. 311.

The Chair recognized Mr. Harold Tate, representing United Labor Legislative Committee, to speak against H.B. 744.

The Chair recognized Kathy Fulgham, representing herself, to speak against H.B. 744 and H.B. 311.

The Chair recognized Mr. Norbert Kossak, representing himself, to speak against H.B. 744.

The Chair recognized Mr. Clyde W. Howard III, representing himself, to speak against H.B. 744.

Mr. Uher now in Chair.

Mr. McFarland moved that H.B. 311 and H.B. 744 be referred to Subcommittee for further consideration.

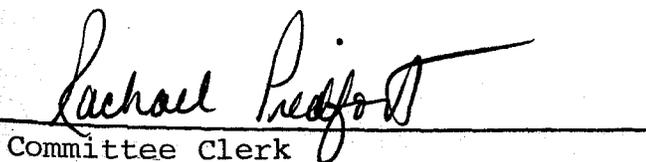
There being no objection, the Chair referred H.B. 311 and H.B. 744 to a Subcommittee composed of:

Pierce, Chairman
Temple
Gibson
McFarland
Gilley

Mr. Temple moved that the Committee stand adjourned.

There being no objection, the House Committee on State Affairs adjourned at 11:30 p.m.


D. R. "Tom" Uher, Chairman


Sachael Redford
Committee Clerk