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Pursuant to a public notice posted on March 12, 1981, at 1:45 p.m., the Committee on Constitutional Amendments convened in public hearing. The hearing was called to order by Chairman McFarland at 2:14 p.m.

The roll was answered as follows:

Present: Representatives McFarland, Whaley, Atkinson, Elizondo
Schoolcraft (5)

Absent: Representatives Barrientos, Delco, Sharp, Ware (4)

A quorum was present.

The chair laid out HJR 49 and recognized the author, Representative Susan McBee, for explanatory remarks. Representative Barrientos now present. The following individuals were recognized for testimony in favor of the resolution:

Bill Bounds, Assistant Director of State Affairs,
Texas Farm Bureau
Richard McDonald, Executive Director, Texas Cattle
Feeders Association

The chair recognized Ken E. Graeber, Director of the State Property Tax Board, as a resource witness with respect to HJR 49.

The chair then noted, for the record, the presence of the following additional supporters of HJR 49:

Lyle Hamner, Texas Federal Retirees, Texas Older
Citizens
Patrick Cox, Director of Communications, Texas
Farmers Union
Calvin Allison, Public Relations Director, Texas
Farmers and Ranchers Coalition
Ed Small, Attorney, Texas and Southwestern
Cattle Raisers Association
Bill Sims, Executive Secretary, Texas Sheep and
Goat Raisers Association

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Charles Carter, Legislative Director, Independent
Cattlemens Association of Texas
Ken Horton, Executive Vice President, Texas
Pork Producers Association
Waldo Smith, Rancher/Businessman, State Association
of Soil and Water Conservation Districts
Bill Powers, Trade Association Executive, Texas
Poultry Federation

Representative Elizondo moved that HJR 49 be referred to a subcommittee to be named by the chair for further study. There being no objection, the chair so ordered.

The chair laid out HJR 69 and recognized the author, Representative Bill Ceverha, for explanatory remarks. There were no witnesses with respect to HJR 69. Representative Schoolcraft moved that HJR 69 be referred to a subcommittee to be named by the chair for further study. There being no objection, the chair so ordered.

The chair directed the Committee to stand at ease at 2:45 p.m. Ware now present. The chair again called the Committee to order at 3:30 p.m.

The chair laid out HJR 62 and recognized Representative Craig Washington, for explanatory remarks. The following individuals were recognized for testimony in favor of the resolution:

Phil Strickland, Executive Director, Christian Life
Commission
Harry Hubbard, President, Texas AFL-CIO, United
Labor Legislative Commission
Peggy Boice, Associate Director, United Way of
Texas
Richard Daly, Executive Director, Texas Catholic
Conference
Nancy Bené, Legislative Director, League of Women
Voters of Texas
Fredrik Buss, Chairman of the Board, Texas Institute
for Families

The chair then noted, for the record, the presence of the following additional supporters of HJR 62:

(Mrs.) Wayne G. Smith, Homemaker (representing herself)
Lynn V. Clymer, Vice-President and General Manager,
Texas Division, American Association of University
Women
Ron Hubbard, Center Director, Texas and Austin Associa-
tions for the Education of Young Children
Sydney M. Janak, Texas Women's Political Caucus
Charlotte Flynn, Gray Panthers of Austin
J. B. Brannen, Executive Director, Child and Family
Service of Austin
James C. Suggs, Executive Director, Texas Conference
of Churches

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James Tomasek, Jr. Conference Minister, South Central
Conference, United Church of Christ and Texas Impact
Sally L. Scott, Director, Texas Association for Educa-
tion of Young Children
Jeffrey J. Skarda, Attorney, Houston Welfare Rights
Organization
Peggy Romberg, Executive Director, Texas Family Plann-
ing Association
Arenia Edwards, Houston Welfare Rights Organization
James E. Payne, Social Worker, Texas Chapter, National
Association of Social Workers
Teresa Ware, Executive Director, Lifeline, Inc.

There was no testimony in opposition to HJR 62.

Representative Elizondo moved that HJR 62 be referred to a subcommittee to be named by the chair for further study. There being no objection, the chair so ordered and named the following subcommittee: Representative Barrientos, Chairman, Representatives Elizondo and Whaley, members.

The chair laid out HJR 14, HJR 81, and HJR 85 and recognized the respective authors, Representatives Jackson and Turner, for explanatory remarks. The chair then recognized Representative Peveto for remarks regarding HJR 109, which had not been laid out but was an alternative proposal dealing with the same general subject as HJR 14 and HJR 85. The following individuals were recognized for testimony in favor of HJRs 14, 81, and 85:

Steve Bartlett, Member, Dallas City Council
Mark D. Dixon, Governmental Affairs Manager,
Dallas Chamber of Commerce
Robby Collins, Dallas Independent School District
Dick Brown, Executive Director, Texas Municipal
League
Louis Macey (representing himself)
Lyle Hamner, Texas Federal Retirees and Texas
Older Citizens (also indicated support for HJRs
11, 13, and 94, which were laid out by the chair
at a later time during the hearing)

The following individual testified in opposition to HJR 81:

R. H. (Bob) Gibbons, representing himself and
Texas Senior Citizens Association, Texas
AFL-CIO Retirees, Senior Citizens Alliance of
Tarrant County (also indicated opposition to
HJR 94, which was laid out by the chair at a
later time during the hearing)

Representative Barrientos moved that HJRs 14, 81, and 85 be referred to a subcommittee to be named by the chair for further study. There being no objection, the chair so ordered.

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The chair laid out HJR 73 and recognized the author, Representative Schlueter, for explanatory remarks. The following individual was recognized for testimony in favor of the resolution:

Samuel Bier, Commander, Disabled American
Veterans, Department of Texas

There were no witnesses in opposition to HJR 73.

The chair laid out HJR 11, 13, and 94 and recognized the respective authors, Representatives Gene Green, Charles Evans, and Paul Colbert, for explanatory remarks. The following individual indicated support for HJRs 11, 13, and 94 during earlier testimony (see above):

Lyle Hamner, Texas Federal Retirees and Texas
Older Citizens

The following individual indicated support for HJRs 11 and 13 and opposition to HJR 94 during earlier testimony (see above):

R. H. (Bob) Gibbons, representing himself and
Texas Senior Citizens Association, Texas
AFL-CIO Retirees, Senior Citizens Alliance of
Tarrant County

There were no witnesses in opposition to HJRs 11 and 13.

Representative Schoolcraft moved that HJRs 11, 13, 73, and 94 be referred to a subcommittee to be named by the chair for further study. There being no objection, the chair so ordered.

There being no objection, the Committee recessed at 6:09 p.m., subject to call of the chair.

The Chairman later named the subcommittee for consideration of HJR 49 as follows: Representative Foster Whaley, Chairman, Representatives Paul Elizondo and Bob Ware, members.

The Chairman later named the subcommittee for consideration of HJRs 14, 81, 85, 69, 11, 13, 73, and 94 as follows: Representative John Sharp, Chairman, Representatives Hamp Atkinson, Wilhelmina R. Delco, Paul Elizondo, Bob Ware, members.


Tom Clarke, Committee Clerk


Bob McFarland, Chairman