

COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS

April 17, 1985

3:15 P.M.

Room 107, Reagan Building

Pursuant to a public notice posted on April 12 at 11:30 A.M. the Committee on Elections convened in a Public Hearing and was called to order by the Chair, Representative Clint Hackney.

The roll was answered as follows:

Present: Mr. Hackney, Mr. Staniswalis, Mr. Carriker, Mr. Laney, and Mr. Russell (5).

Absent: Ms. Thompson, Mr. Carter, Mr. Horn and Mr. Robnett (4).

A quorum was present.

The Chair laid H.B. 1033 by Mr. Pennington before the committee and recognized the author to explain the bill.

Mr. Pennington was questioned by members of the committee.

Mr. Laney requested an amendment to exempt soil and water conservation districts.

Mr. Staniswalis laid out Committee Amendment #1.

The Chair swore in all the witnesses.

Ms. Anita Rodeheaver, County Clerk, Harris County, testified for the bill with certain provisions and stated that she did not want to be responsible for the "police work" as outlined in Section 4 of the bill.

Mr. Carter now present.

The Chair recognized Mr. Pennington to close.

Mr. Laney moved to adopt Committee Amendment #1. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Aye: Mr. Hackney, Mr. Staniswalis, Mr. Laney, and Mr. Russell, and Mr. Carriker (5).

Nay: Mr. Carter (1).

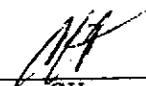
Mr. Staniswalis moved to report H.B. 1033 to the full House with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed and placed on the General Calendar.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Aye: Mr. Hackney, Mr. Staniswalis, Mr. Laney, and Mr. Russell (4).

Nay: Mr. Carter (1).

PNV: Mr. Carriker (1).

  
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Mr. Carriker requested to change his vote from "Present Not Voting" to Aye.

Thus, H.B. 1033 was passed to the full House with a vote of 5 ayes and 1 nay.

The Chair laid H.B. 753 by Mr. Edwards before the Committee and recognized the author to explain the bill.

The Chair recognized Mr. Edwards to close.

Mr. Carriker moved to report H.B. 753 to the full House with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed and placed on the Consent Calendar.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Aye: Mr. Hackney, Mr. Staniswalis, Mr. Carriker, Mr. Carter, Mr. Laney, and Mr. Russell (6).

Nay: None (0).

The Chair laid H.B. 1077 by Mr. Bush and Mr. Campbell before the Committee and recognized Mr. Campbell to explain the bill.

Mr. Carriker moved to report H.B. 1077 to a subcommittee to be named by the Chair. There being no objection, the motion prevailed.

The Chair laid H.B. 1315 by Mr. S. Johnson and Ms. Cooper before the Committee and recognized Mr. Johnson to explain the bill.

Mr. Russell commented on the similarity of H.B. 1315 to a bill which he authored and which was vetoed by the Governor last session.

Mr. Jim Allison, Attorney, representing the County Judges and Commissioner's Association of Texas, testified for H.B. 1315.

Mr. Lester G. Ford, City Secretary, Irving, testified against H.B. 1315.

Mr. Merril Nunn, City Attorney, Amarillo, testified against H.B. 1315.

Ms. Anita Rodeheaver, County Clerk, Harris County, testified against H.B. 1315.

Mr. Russell questioned Ms. Rodeheaver.

Mr. Russell moved to refer H.B. 1315 to the subcommittee on H.B. 355 by Mr. Russell (Mr. Laney, Chair, Mr. Russell, and Ms. Thompson). There being no objection, the motion prevailed.

The Chair laid H.B. 1195 by Mr. Richardson before the committee and recognized the author to explain the bill.

Mr. Russell questioned Mr. Richardson.

Mr. Merril Nunn, City Attorney, Amarillo, testified against H.B. 1195.

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Mr. Mick McKamie, City Attorney, Greenville, testified against H.B. 1195 and was questioned by members of the committee.

Ms. Karen Gladney, Director, Elections Division, Secretary of State's Office, testified on H.B. 1195 and suggested the word pre-clearance instead of approval of the Voting Rights Act, and was questioned by members of the committee.

The Chair recognized Mr. Richardson to close.

Ms. Thompson now present.

The Chair laid H.B. 1196 by Mr. Richardson before the committee and recognized the author to explain the bill.

Mr. Russell questioned Mr. Richardson.

Ms. Anita Rodeheaver, County Clerk, Harris County, testified against H.B. 1196.

Mr. Merrill Nunn, city Attorney, Amarillo, testified against H.B. 1196.

Mr. Mick McKamie, City Attorney, Greenville, testified against H.B. 1196.

Mr. Marco A. Gomez, Bexar County Elections Administrator, testified against H.B. 1196.

The Chair recognized Mr. Richardson to close. Mr. Carter questioned Mr. Richardson.

Mr. Horn now present.

Mr. Russell moved to refer H.B. 1195 and H.B. 1196 to a subcommittee to be named by the Chair. There being no objection, the motion prevailed.

The Chair laid H.B. 1580 by Mr. Armbrister before the committee and recognized the author to explain the bill.

Mr. Armbrister was questioned by members of the committee.

Mr. Armbrister asked the members to consider an amendment to allow labor organizations to make contributions to a candidate.

Mr. Bud Schauerte, Vice President, American General Corporation testified for H.B. 1580 and stated that 23 states allow corporate contributions to candidates. Mr. Schauerte was questioned by members of the committee.

The Chair recognized Mr. Armbrister to close.

Ms. Thompson moved to refer H.B. 1580 to a subcommittee to be named by the Chair. There being no objection, the motion prevailed.

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The Chair laid H.B. 1355 by Mr. P. Moreno before the committee and the Chair explained the bill.

Mr. Horn moved to refer H.B. 1355 to a subcommittee to be named by the Chair.

The Chair laid H.B. 2177 by Mr. Russell before the committee and recognized the author to explain the bill.

Mr. Laney moved to report H.B. 2177 to the full House with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed and placed on the Consent Calendar.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Aye: Mr. Hackney, Ms. Thompson, Mr. Carriker, Mr. Horn, Mr. Laney and Mr. Russell (6).

Nay: None (0).

The Chair laid H.B. 2178 by Mr. Russell before the committee and recognized the author to explain the bill.

Mr. Hackney moved to report H.B. 2178 to the full House with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed and placed on the Consent Calendar.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Aye: Mr. Hackney, Ms. Thompson, Mr. Carriker, Mr. Horn, Mr. Laney, and Mr. Russell (6).

Nay: None (0).

The Chair presented the subcommittee report for H.B. 178 with a committee substitute and requested that the full committee adopt the subcommittee report for H.B. 178 as substituted.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Aye: Mr. Hackney, Ms. Thompson, Mr. Carriker, Mr. Horn, Mr. Laney, and Mr. Russell (6).

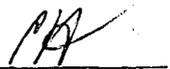
Nay: None (0).

The Chair moved to report C.S.H.B. 178 to the full House with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed and placed on the General Calendar.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Aye: Mr. Hackney, Ms. Thompson, Mr. Carriker, Mr. Horn, Mr. Laney, and Mr. Russell (6).

Nay: None (0).

  
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The Chair laid H.B. 2260 by Mr. Carter before the committee and recognized the author to explain the bill.

Ms. Anita Rodeheaver, County Clerk, Harris County, testified for H.B. 2260.

The Chair recognized Mr. Carter to close.

Mr. Horn moved to report H.B. 2260 to the full House with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed and placed on the Consent Calendar.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Aye: Mr. Hackney, Ms. Thompson, Mr. Carriker, Mr. Carter, Mr. Horn, and Mr. Russell (6).

Nay: None (0).

The Chair laid H.B. 2261 by Mr. Carter before the committee and recognized the author to explain the bill.

The Chair recognized Mr. Carter to close.

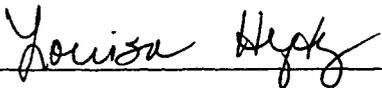
Mr. Horn moved to report H.B. 2261 to the full House with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed and placed on the Consent Calendar.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Aye: Mr. Hackney, Ms. Thompson, Mr. Carriker, Mr. Carter, Mr. Horn, and Mr. Russell (6).

Nay: None (0).

Mr. Russell moved to recess subject to the call of the Chair. There being no objection, the meeting was recessed at 5:20 P.M.



Louisa Hefty, Chief Clerk



Clint Hackney, Chairman