

## House

Committee on Human Services  
April 11, 1989 4:22 p.m.

Room 104, Reagan Building

Pursuant to a notice posted on April 5, 1989, in accordance with House Rules, the Human Services Committee met in a public hearing and was called to order by the Chair, Representative Barton.

The roll was answered as follows:

Present: Representatives Barton, Melton, Johnson, Larry, and VanderVoort (5)

Absent: Representatives Vowell, Blair, Linebarger, and Waterfield (4)

A quorum was present.

### H.B. 2276

The Chair laid out H.B. 2276 and recognized Representative Hollowell, the author, to explain the bill.

Representative Vowell now present.

Representative Waterfield now present.

The Chair recognized the following witness who testified against the bill:

William M. Schur, attorney, Fort Worth, representing himself.

The Chair recognized the following witness who testified on the bill:

Diane Scott, representing the Texas Department of Human Services.

The Chair recognized Representative Hollowell to close on the bill.

There being no objection, H.B. 2276 was referred to a subcommittee to be named by the Chair.

### H.B. 2547

The Chair laid out H.B. 2547.

Representative Melton moved that H.B. 2547 be laid on the table subject to the call of the Chair.

There being no objection, the Chair so ordered.

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## H.B. 2597

The Chair laid out H.B. 2597 and recognized Representative Colbert, the author, to explain the bill.

Representative Melton offered a complete substitute for H.B. 2597.

The Chair laid out C.S.H.B. 2597 and Representative Melton moved its adoption.

There being no objection, the substitute was adopted.

The Chair recognized Representative Colbert to close on the bill.

Representative Melton moved that H.B. 2597 as substituted be reported to the full House with a favorable recommendation that it do pass and that it be placed on the Consent Calendar.

The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Barton, Melton, Vowell, Johnson, Larry, Waterfield, and VanderVoort (7)

Nays: None (0)

## H.B. 1806 and H.B. 2694

The Chair laid out H.B. 1806 and H.B. 2694 and recognized Representative Collazo to explain the bills.

The Chair recognized the following witnesses who testified in favor of H.B. 1806 and H.B. 2694:

Reggie M. Griffith, representing himself and the Council on Adoptable Children of Texas;  
Carlene Murray, secretary for district judge, representing herself;  
Jim Harlow, landscaper, representing himself; and,  
J.R. Kerr, student, representing himself.

The Chair recognized the following witness who testified in favor of H.B. 2694:

Ann Rockwell, housewife, Smithville, representing herself.

The Chair recognized the following witness who testified in favor of H.B. 1806 and H.B. 2694:

Barbara Rila, psychologist, Dallas, representing herself.

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The Chair recognized the following witness who testified as a resource witness on H.B. 1806:

Diane Scott, representing the Texas Department of Human Services.

The Chair recognized the following witness who testified in favor of H.B. 1806:

Margie Hoelscher, representing the Council on Adoptable Children of Texas.

The Chair recognized the following witnesses who testified in favor of H.B. 1806 and H.B. 2694:

Bobbie T. Kerr, representing herself and the Council on Adoptable Children of Dallas;  
Bonnie Harlow, representing herself and her adopted children;  
Bob Chandler, minister, Dallas, representing himself;  
Jamie Kerr, student, representing herself;  
Linda B. Sacra, representing herself and the Council on Adoptable Children of Texas;  
Teresa Phillips, Royse City, representing herself; and,  
Elaine V. Brennan, teacher, Austin, representing herself.

The Chair recognized the following witness who testified on H.B. 2694:

William M. Schur, attorney, Fort Worth, representing himself.

The Chair recognized the following witness who testified in favor of H.B. 2694:

James Rockwell, photographer, Smithville, representing himself.

The Chair recognized the following witnesses who testified in favor of H.B. 1806 and H.B. 2694:

Garland M. O'Day, Sr., property tax consultant, Arlington, representing himself; and,  
Robert Paladino, U.S. Air Force security supervisor, N. Richland Hills, representing himself.

The Chair recognized Representative Denton to close on H.B. 2694.

There being no objection, H.B. 1806 and H.B. 2694 were referred to a subcommittee to be named by the Chair.

## H.B. 2287

The Chair laid out H.B. 2287 and recognized Representative Guerrero, the author, to explain the bill.

Representative Melton offered a complete substitute for H.B. 2287.

The Chair laid out C.S.H.B. 2287 and Representative Melton moved its adoption.

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There being no objection, the substitute was adopted.

For the record, the Chair directed that the following persons who did not testify be shown in favor of the bill:

G.K. Sprinkle, representing the Texas Council on Family Violence;  
and,  
Peggy Boice, representing the United Way of Texas.

The Chair recognized the following witness who testified in favor of the bill:

Debby Tucker, representing the Texas Council on Family Violence.

The Chair recognized the following witness who testified as a resource witness on the bill:

Diane Scott, representing the Texas Department of Human Services.

Representative Waterfield moved that H.B. 2287 as substituted be reported to the full House with a favorable recommendation that it do pass and that it be placed on the Consent Calendar.

The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Barton, Melton, Vowell, Johnson, Larry,  
Waterfield, and VanderVoort (7)

Nays: None (0)

H.B. 2601

The Chair laid out H.B. 2601 and recognized Representative Schoolcraft, the author, to explain the bill.

Representative Waterfield moved that H.B. 2601 be reported to the full House with a favorable recommendation that it do pass without amendment and that it be placed on the Consent Calendar.

The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Barton, Melton, Vowell, Johnson, Waterfield,  
and VanderVoort (6)

Nays: None (0)

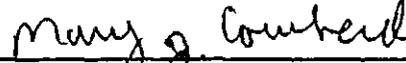
Representative Melton moved that the committee stand adjourned subject to the call of the Chair.

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There being no objection, the committee adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

  
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Erwin Barton, Chairman  
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Mary J. Cowherd, Clerk