

STATEMENT OF ITEMS IN HOUSE BILL Number 561, being: "An Act making certain emergency appropriations out of the general revenue of the State for the several institutions and departments of the State Government, as named herein, for the balance of the fiscal year ending August 31, 1927; and declaring an emergency;" which are vetoed and reasons assigned for the veto of each item.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

"To purchase one acre of land to complete the Brekkenridge tract on West 6th Street,	\$2,500.00"
"To purchase property of Mrs Nina Von Rosenberg 114 ft. by 130 ft. on Whitis Ave. between 25th and 26th Streets,	\$25,000.00"

These two items represent the appropriation of money for the purchase of real estate. The bill is an emergency appropriation measure to meet the urgent needs of the Departments and institutions of the Government. The two items above mentioned can be properly taken care of in the general appropriation bill to be passed at the special session of the Legislature.

AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE OF TEXAS

"For maintenance of College steam plant,	\$20,000.00"
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The records of the Comptroller's Department show that there remains available in an appropriation made by the 39th Legislature, including \$80,000.00 for maintenance of steam plant, the sum of \$26,276.68. The previous appropriation made has not been exhausted, and no present emergency is shown for this appropriation.

JOHN TARTLETON AGRICULTURAL & MECHANICAL COLLEGE

"Fuel, lights and water	\$7,000.00"
"Summer school	4,000.00"

These items are vetoed for the reason that the records of the Comptroller's Department show that of an appropriation made by the 39th Legislature, including \$9,000.00 for summer schools and \$10,000.00 for fuel, lights and water, there is at present available the sum of \$13,298.00. Other expense is to be paid out of this, but the appropriation has not been exhausted.

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✓ NORTH TEXAS AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

"Fuel, light, heat, water and power" \$2,700.00"

This item is vetoed for the reason that the records of the Comptroller's Department show that out of an appropriation of the 39th Legislature there is available the sum of \$2,000.00. This money being available an emergency does not exist to cover this item.

✓ COLLEGE OF INDUSTRIAL ARTS

"Summer school" \$8,000.00"

This item is vetoed for the reason that the records of the Comptroller's Department show there remain in the appropriation, in which was included an appropriation for \$30,000.00 for a summer school, the sum of \$99,000.00. This appropriation has not yet been exhausted, and the urgent need of additional funds is not evident at this time.

✓ EAST TEXAS STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

"Summer term 1927" 20,000.00"

The records of the Comptroller's Department show that out of an appropriation for this institution, including the sum of \$48,200.00 for summer school there remains unexpended at this time the sum of \$99,000.00. An emergency does not appear to exist, and an urgent need for the appropriation of this item.

NORTH TEXAS STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

"Summer school 1927" 10,000.00"

Out of appropriations made for this school, including \$80,000.00 for the summer school, there appears to remain unexpended, according to the books of the Comptroller's Department the sum of \$147,297.11. With this amount of funds available the existence of an emergency is not apparent.

SAM HOUSTON STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

"Summer school, 1927" 12,000.00"

Out of an appropriation made for this College by the 39th Legislature, including \$40,000.00 for summer school, it appears from the books of the Comptroller's Department that there remains unexpended the sum of \$81,929.87. With this amount yet available an emergency does not appear for the appropriation of the aforesaid sum of \$12,000.00.

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STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

"Summer school, 1927 \$12,000.00"

Out of an appropriation made by the 39th Legislature for the support of this school, including \$25,000.00 for a summer school, there appears to be yet available and unexpended the sum of \$56,000.00. With the amount of money available, as indicated by the books of the Comptroller's Department, no emergency is shown to exist with reference to this item.

SOUTH TEXAS STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

"Summer term, 1927 \$10,000.00"

Out of an appropriation made for the support of this school, including \$15,000.00 for summer school, there appears to be yet available, as shown by the books of the Comptroller's Department, the sum of \$55,479.00. With this amount of money available an emergency does not appear present demanding the appropriation of this sum.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

"Summer school, 1927 \$12,000.00"

Out of an appropriation made for this school by the 39th Legislature, including \$50,000.00 for summer school, there appears to be available, according to the records of the Comptroller's Office, the sum of \$95,020.89. With this amount of money available an emergency does not appear to exist demanding the appropriation of \$12,000.00 above mentioned.

WEST TEXAS STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

"Summer School term 1927 \$12,000.00"

"Purchase of 200 acres of land known as T-Anchor Ranch 13,000.00

Out of an appropriation made by the 39th Legislature for this school, including \$40,000.00 for summer school, there appears to be yet available, according to the books of the Comptroller's Department, the sum of \$84,535.34. With this amount of money available an emergency does not appear to exist for the \$12,000.00 item.

The item of \$13,000.00 for the purchase of land is not in its nature an emergency measure, and no reason has been shown why this item could not be properly taken care of in the general appropriation bill.

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OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

"Stenographers, filing clerks, and telephone operator \$ 1,750.00"

Out of an appropriation of \$13,500.00 made for this purpose by the preceding Legislature the books of the Comptroller's Department show that the sum of \$6,104.00 remains unexpended. No emergency is shown respecting this item of appropriation.

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT

Division of Weights and Measures

"Two inspectors of Weights and Measures from March 1st to August 31, 1927, at \$125.00 per month, \$ 1,500.00

One truck, 3½ ton capacity 4,750.00

8,000 lbs. test weights 500.00

To exchange two old cars for new cars and pay the difference, 1,500.00

Division of Entomology

Pink boll worm eradication 4,000.00 "

The general appropriation bill of the 39th Legislature made provision for six inspectors of Weights and Measures. The first item above would increase the number to eight. The purpose being, as I understand, to conduct more extensive and intensive work along the line of inspecting weights and measures. No urgent demand requiring an emergency appropriation for this purpose has been shown, and when the present financial condition of the State is considered, it is an item of expense which should be saved. The Department has never had a truck, and the truck for which appropriation is made is intended for use in the testing of scales and measures. This does not appear to be an emergency matter. The same may be said of the 8,000 pounds of test weights. The appropriation for the difference in value of old cars and those for which it is planned to trade the old cars is not a matter of such urgent demand as to require an emergency appropriation. The condition of the revenues of the State causes me to believe that these items can better be deferred to a later date in as much as the necessity is not urgent.

BOARD OF HEALTH

"Deficiency warrants outstanding for contingent fund entire department \$ 2,000.00"

This item was taken care of in another appropriation bill heretofore approved.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

" For printing biennial report	\$ 2,500.00"
" For printing elementary course of study	\$ 2,000.00"

The general appropriation bill passed by the 39th Legislature carried the appropriation of \$19,500.00 to cover items of printing necessary in the Department of Education. All of these items have not been expended, but at the present a balance remains. The matters contemplated by the above items can be paid out of appropriations made by the 39th Legislature. If that fund is exhausted the Special Session of the Legislature can provide for any emergency.

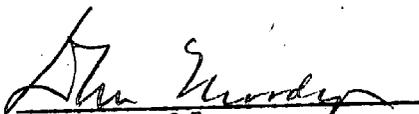
In vetoing the above items I have undertaken to have regard for the needs of the various departments and institutions of the State, the present condition of the revenues of the State and the necessity of the particular items at this time. It has been my endeavor to do nothing that would in the least injure or impair the present usefulness of any department or institution. The heavy demands made upon the funds of the State and the limited amount of such funds have prevented me from showing that degree of liberality which members of the departments and heads of institutions may have hoped for and desired. However, I am sure that they each realize the necessities of the situation in regard to public finance, and that they recognize such ~~such~~ situation requires that all public officers practice the ultimate degree of frugality consistent with the ^{economical} administration of their several duties.

I acknowledge the importance of our Summer Schools to the people of our State. I know that they furnish an opportunity to ~~may~~ to attend school and get an education, who for various reasons do not find it possible to attend the regular sessions of our schools. I have not vetoed any appropriation that would result in some school being without a summer session. In other words the summer school of each state institution has been spared. I have vetoed appropriations for summer schools where by previous appropriation provision had been made for a summer school. If such previous appropriation proves insufficient, the the emergency will be present, and in such cases I do not propose to let any suffer for the lack of necessary funds.

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For the reasons indicated above, I hereby veto the several items
from House Bill Number 561, set out above and copied herein.

Austin, Texas,
April 6th, 1926


Governor of Texas.