

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

In signing House Bill 4, of the Third Called Session, Fifty-sixth Legislature, under the provisions of Section 14, Article IV, of the Texas Constitution, I am vetoing the following items and listing below my objections to these items:

- (1) Item 2, Article II, Page 481, Construction of quarters for senile patients at a cost not to exceed \$3,500 per bed.—\$1,216,000. and the rider thereto, because this appropriation was not requested in the budget submitted to this office; the Hospital Board does not have responsibility for seniles; and because the State policy should be to get these unfortunate people in private rest homes near their families rather than making them permanent patients of our hospital system.
- (2) Item 1, Article III, Page 552, an appropriation from the State Disabled Assistance Fund to the 56th Legislature. This is unnecessary since the Legislature subsequently appropriated \$333,000 by separate bill to care for future legislative expenses.
- (3) Item 25, Article III, Page 588, reading: "In addition to the appropriation and purposes set forth above, there is also appropriated out of the State Highway Fund for each year of the biennium beginning September 1, 1959, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of Senate Bill No. 152, Acts, Fifty-sixth Legislature, Regular Session, 1959, the following fixed amounts—\$100,000 in 1960 and \$100,000 in 1961."

Although apparently unintended by the Legislature this fixed amount of \$100,000 actually would limit expenditures for the various purposes listed in S.B. 152, since the Highway Department has been spending in excess of \$200,000 per year for some of these purposes under its general appropriation sections. The wording of Item 25 is restrictive and would cut in half the present program of tourist travel service, and by vetoing this item the Department will be able to continue and expand the present tourist travel program under general provisions of the bill. This is the studied opinion of Highway Department officials, attorneys, and accountants who have examined the wording of the appropriation bill.

H.B. 4 was received in the Governor's Office less than ten (10) days prior to the adjournment of the Third Called Session of the Fifty-sixth Legislature, and in accordance with the Constitution, the bill, together with this proclamation, is being filed with the Secretary of State.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the Seal of State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this the 24th day of August A.D., 1959.

PRICE DANIEL
Governor of Texas

By the Governor:
ZOLLIE STEAKLEY
Secretary of State