

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Many hours of committee deliberations and floor debate were spent on the general appropriations bill for the 1980-81 biennium by the Sixty-sixth Legislature. I commend the leadership and members for their considerable attention to this most important piece of legislation.

Quite frankly, I recommended and encouraged the Legislature to appropriate a lesser amount than provided in the final bill. And while I appreciate the extensive deliberations that produced this legislation, I am duty bound to exercise my constitutional responsibilities to review this legislation in a thorough manner. I am absolutely certain that this State and Nation faces no more serious domestic problem than the proper management of our fiscal and natural resources. Our citizenry rightfully expects a close scrutiny of government spending. In my opinion, we have for too long promised much more than government could or should deliver. The budgetary process must result in an even more thorough analysis of the proper functions of government and its spending while insuring accountability in all areas for funds expended.

I am pleased the bill provides quite adequate funds for the provision of essential governmental services in the areas of mental health and mental retardation, education, public safety, pollution control, transportation and assistance to the aged, blind, and disabled. I have some definite ideas on how to improve the management of funds to improve all governmental services and will work closely with boards, commissions, and administrators to implement my state management effectiveness program. The inclusion of a rider provision expressing legislative intent that agencies reduce employment by five percent during each year of the biennium indicates legislative support of my position. I am convinced the bureaucracy can be reduced and service delivery improved by providing increased compensation for those state employees who perform their duties and responsibilities in an outstanding and highly professional manner. This is simply good personnel management.

Further, with the enactment of this legislation and other bills passed by the Sixty-sixth Legislature, I am pleased to point out that Texas state government has been financed for eight consecutive years without an increase in taxes and, indeed, significant tax relief, although less than I requested, was provided during this legislative session. The Legislature passed legislation implementing the constitutional amendment regarding homestead exemptions and productivity-based valuation. With the abolition of the state ad valorem tax, reimbursement of school districts, and increased state aid for school districts, over \$600 million in state funds are provided for tax relief. Although this is considerably less than the level of tax relief that I requested, I am pleased with this initial step and remain convinced that we can do more in terms of tax relief. State government has made its commitment to this end and I urge school districts and all other taxing units of government to follow this lead. Further, through the enactment of enabling legislation, the citizens have some of the tools to insure that fiscal restraint and responsibility are followed and I strongly urge all citizens to exercise their rights in this area.

There are some programs that I would reduce if I had the veto authority to do so. However, the appropriation pattern adopted by the Legislature imposes inflexibility on the gubernatorial veto authority. Further improvements in our system of zero-base budgeting should provide for more effective executive review of programmatic increases included in the appropriations bill. Management by objectives will be introduced into the budget and management process. I will work closely with the Legislative Budget Board and the members of the Legislature to continue to improve our system of budgeting. There are several items in House Bill 558 that are unnecessary or can be delayed without detracting from essential state services for the 1980-81 biennium. Therefore, by authority granted me by Article IV, Section 14 of the Texas Constitution, I hereby veto those certain items from House Bill 558, Acts of the Sixty-sixth Legislature, Regular Session. All vetoes are from the general revenue fund unless otherwise indicated.

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SUMMARY OF ITEMS VETOED

For the Years Ending
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ARTICLE I - THE JUDICIARY

COURTS OF CIVIL APPEALS

FIRST SUPREME JUDICIAL DISTRICT, HOUSTON

Item 7 - Professional Fees and Services	\$	19,716	\$	20,722
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FIFTH SUPREME JUDICIAL DISTRICT, DALLAS

Item 7 - Professional Fees and Services		19,716		20,722
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FOURTEENTH SUPREME JUDICIAL DISTRICT, HOUSTON

Item 7 - Professional Fees and Services		19,716		20,722
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TEXAS PROSECUTORS COORDINATING COUNCIL
 (Criminal Justice Planning Fund)

Item 1 - Executive Director		40,500		42,500
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Item 2 - Salaries of Classified Positions		74,184		77,964
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Item 3 - Professional Fees and Services		7,200		7,200
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Item 4 - Other Operating Expense		62,480		84,000
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Item 5 - Travel		105,355		157,175
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JUDICIARY SECTION, COMPTROLLER'S DEPARTMENT

Item 16 - For item Nos. 2, 7, and 9 in the Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department which will be increased by enactments of the Sixty-sixth Legislature, Regular Session, 1979. The Comptroller is authorized to make allocations from this appropriation to those items which will be increased by enactments of the Sixty-sixth Legislature, Regular Session, 1979. Such allocations shall be made to fund the various enactments in the order of their passage, estimated. This item includes and there is appropriated \$860,000 for fiscal year 1980 and \$860,000 for fiscal year 1981 out of the Criminal Justice Planning Fund No. 421.

a. Out of the General Revenue Fund		89,400		89,400
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b. Out of Criminal Justice Planning Fund No. 421		860,000		860,000
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SUMMARY OF ITEMS VETOED

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ARTICLE II - HEALTH, WELFARE AND
 REHABILITATION AGENCIES

COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND

Item 9 - Contingent on passage of Senate Bill No. 1243, Sixty-sixth Legislature, Regular Session, the following amounts are appropriated. Such amounts may be transferred to other items of appropriation.

	\$ 23,126	\$ 23,845
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TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Item 11c - Children's Heart Program of South Texas	150,000	150,000
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TEXAS HEALTH FACILITIES COMMISSION

Item 2 - General Counsel	32,500	34,200
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DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL
 RETARDATION - SUPPLEMENTAL RESIDENTIAL
 SERVICES FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED

Item 2 - For services to mentally retarded adults		749,958
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DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND
 MENTAL RETARDATION, CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

Fort Worth State School

Item 2 - Construct 45 Beds and Ancillary Buildings	1,645,285	& U.B.
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Lubbock State School

Item 3 - Construct 96 Additional Residential Beds	2,827,640	& U.B.
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San Antonio State School

Item 6 - Construct Resident Services Building	600,000	& U.B.
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Austin State Hospital

Item 7 - Construct Behavior Training Ward	1,798,303	& U.B.
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Rusk State Hospital

Item 8 - Renovate Buildings Nos. 508 and 529 to Provide 107 Beds for Mental Retardation Services	2,219,717	& U.B.
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ARTICLE II (continued)

Terrell State Hospital

Item 9 - Construct Ward Building	\$ 1,744,420	\$ & U.B.
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Vernon Center

Item 12 - Food Service and Laundry Additions	210,209	& U.B.
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TEXAS REHABILITATION COMMISSION

Item 7a - Case Services for Displaced Homemakers	110,000	120,000
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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Item 5j - AFDC Education and Employment Project, including PACE	250,000	250,000
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Page II - 59, Rider Provision (47) (Federal Funds)	40,000,000	U.B.
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(47) The Texas Department of Human Resources is hereby authorized and directed to construct a state office building, in cooperation with the State Board of Control, consisting of NTE 530,000 gross square feet (400,000 net square feet). No General Revenue, Children's Assistance, or Medical Assistance funds may be used for this purpose.

It is the intent of the Legislature that the building house the central administrative offices of both the Texas Department of Human Resources and the Texas Youth Council. Further, it is the intent of the Legislature that the building be constructed on State land currently owned by the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation. The Board of Mental Health and Mental Retardation is hereby authorized and directed to transfer to the State Board of Control record title to a certain triangular-shaped tract of land 29 acres, more or less, in the north part of the City of Austin, bounded on the West by West Guadalupe Street and North Lamar Boulevard, on the north by 51st Street, on the east by Guadalupe Street and having the southern tip of the tract at the intersection of Guadalupe and West Guadalupe Streets, together with all records held by it concerning this tract.

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ARTICLE III (continued)

COASTAL AND MARINE COUNCIL

Item 8 - For contract with the Texas System of Natural Laboratories, Inc. to provide ecology laboratories and facilities for the State's administrative agencies.

\$ 48,000 \$ 48,000

COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

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250,000 250,000

In the event that two additional full and entire floors of the Lyndon Baines Johnson State Office Building are not allocated by the Board of Control in addition to the space now allocated for use by the Comptroller of Public Accounts by October 1, 1979, there is hereby appropriated, and the Comptroller is authorized to transfer from the General Revenue Fund to the Comptroller's Operating Fund 062, the sum of \$250,000 in fiscal year 1980 and \$250,000 in fiscal year 1981 for rental of additional office space.

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1,385,991 1,079,194

In the event that Senate Bill No. 643, Sixty-sixth Legislature, Regular Session, should pass and become law, there is hereby appropriated, and the Comptroller is authorized to transfer from the General Revenue Fund to the Comptroller's Operating Fund 062 the sum of \$1,385,991 in fiscal year 1980 and \$1,079,194 in fiscal year 1981.

STATE BOARD OF CONTROL

Item 9b(1) - New State Office Building (PA 303-45)

28,948,368 U.B.

Item 9b(2) - Parking Garage (PA 303-44) Construction projects b(1) and (2) above to be located in the above defined Capitol Area

4,165,404 U.B.

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ARTICLE III (continued)

Highways and Public Transportation shall have such power and authority to accomplish said objective as necessary and shall administer funds from the general revenue of the state as appropriated herein, together with funds provided from federal sources; further, the Department shall set up administrative rules, regulations, orders and standards to administer the outlay of such funds, and shall determine a priority for orderly implementation of the separations to be undertaken.

TEXAS INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

Item 7 - Program Development	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
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STATE BOARD OF INSURANCE

Item 11 - Contingent upon passage of Senate Bill No. 219, Acts of the Sixty-sixth Legislature, providing credit property and casualty insurance to be transferred to the appropriate program items (Special Fund)	52,781	53,256
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TEXAS ADVISORY COMMISSION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS (General Revenue and Other Funds)

Item 1 - Executive Director	37,000
Item 2 - Director of Research	31,200
Item 3 - Other Administration	458,834

GENERAL LAND OFFICE AND VETERANS' LAND BOARD

Item 6 - Environmental Management Program	772,152
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ARTICLE III (continued)

BOARD OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS (Special Fund)

Item 1 - Per Diem of Board Members, 6 at \$25	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,600
Item 2 - Executive Secretary	17,100	18,000
Item 3 - Other Administration	41,746	42,787
Item 4 - Roster Preparation and Distribution	4,796	U.B.

FLEET ADMIRAL CHESTER W. NIMITZ MEMORIAL
 NAVAL MUSEUM COMMISSION

Item 7 - Construction or Restoration and Stabilization of Historic Structure	100,000	50,000 & U.B.
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TREASURY DEPARTMENT (Special Fund)

Item 2d - Fiscal Assistance to Local Governments		7,376,374
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ARTICLE IV - AGENCIES OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

TEXAS SCHOOLS FOR THE BLIND AND DEAF

Item 4a - School for the Deaf, Vocational Building	1,770,000	U.B.
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COORDINATING BOARD, TEXAS COLLEGE AND
 UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Item 13 - The Fifth Pathway Program - funds for the clinical training of foreign medical school students who are bona fide Texas residents	750,000	750,000
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PUBLIC JUNIOR COLLEGES

Item 48 - Contingency Funds: Academic Education	1,000,000	1,000,000 & U.B.
Vocational/Technical Programs	1,000,000	1,000,000 & U.B.
Item 49 - Start-up Funds: El Paso-Transmountain Campus	1,883,900	1,883,900
Houston Community-Health Careers and Technical Institute Campuses	619,200	619,200
San Jacinto-South Campus	1,200,600	1,200,600

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ARTICLE IV (continued)

Item 50 - Panola Junior College, Harrison County Branch Vocational/Technical Education Start-up Funds	\$ 30,900	\$ 135,900
Item 51 - Funds for implementation of Senate Bill No. 111, Sixty-fifth Legislature-tuition and fee exemptions	300,000	300,000

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

Item 10a(2) - Fellowships at the Lyndon Baines Johnson School of Public Affairs	185,000	185,000
Item 10a(3) - Public Administration Internship Fellowships	20,000	20,000
Item 10a(4) - L.B.J. School of Public Affairs - Five Legislative Internships	20,000	20,000
Item 10b(1) - Marine Science Institute at Galveston	511,268	537,343
Item 10b(2) - Marine Science Institute at Port Aransas	481,874	506,450
Item 10b(3) - Texas Memorial Museum	199,182	209,341
Item 10b(5) - Bureau of Business Research	455,952	479,206
Item 10c(1) - Center for Energy Studies	482,364	506,964
Item 10c(2) - Lyndon Baines Johnson School of Public Affairs	200,000	200,000

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO

Item 9c - Museum	56,307	59,145
Item 9e - Inter-American Institute	21,830	22,944
Item 9g - Solar Energy Applications	181,000	88,000
Item 9h - Survey of West Texas Uranium Deposits	50,000	50,000
Item 10b - Installation of Solar Film		60,000
Item 10c - Rehabilitation of Graham Hall		114,000

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ARTICLE IV (Continued)

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The Board of Regents of The University of Texas System is hereby authorized to expend such amount of its Permanent University Fund bond proceeds and/or other bond proceeds and such amount of its other available moneys as may be necessary to fund, in whole or in part, alterations and additions to the Sun Bowl Stadium which is located on the campus of The University of Texas at El Paso.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO

Item 9b - Library Development	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
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195,400

Funds appropriated to The University of Texas at San Antonio for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1979 are hereby reappropriated for the biennium ending August 31, 1981.

THE INSTITUTE OF TEXAN CULTURES

Item 2a - Phase II Remodeling Project	146,532	
Item 2b - Replace Carpeting	18,700	57,200

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT SAN ANTONIO

Item 15c - Family Nurse Practitioners Program	183,660	192,346
Item 17 - Special Teaching Equipment	500,000	U.B.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH CENTER AT TYLER

Item 9a - Renovate Out-patient Clinic Building, and related spaces	1,100,000	U.B.
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TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Item 10c - Institute of Comparative Medicine	491,657	516,731
Item 10g - Clinical Program in Veterinary Medicine	400,000	440,000

ARTICLE IV (continued)

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

Item 9d - Library Facilities for Nursing Students	\$	10,200	\$	11,500
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TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY

Item 10a - Demolish Old Home Economics and Auditorium Buildings		148,880		
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Item 10b - Relocation of Data Processing		16,500		
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Item 10c - Demolish Old Swimming Pool, Restore Area		117,000		
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TEXAS AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

Item 3q - Gasohol-Alcohol Fuel Research - Development and Demonstration		120,000		100,000
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Item 5b - Rural Sociological Research (65 percent Federal Funds each year)		203,162		212,180
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TEXAS AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE

Item 1d - Salary Equalization-Transferable		330,000		U.B.
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TEXAS ENGINEERING EXTENSION SERVICE

Item 5 - Capital Outlay, Construction Equipment (non-transferable)				500,000
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TEXAS FOREST SERVICE

Item 6 - Fire Control Equipment Replacement				476,616
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CORPUS CHRISTI STATE UNIVERSITY

Item 8b - Supplemental Library Materials, and Materials and Equipment for Learning Resources Center		100,000		100,000
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Item 9b - Raze Concrete Foundations and Piers		35,000		
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TEXAS A&I UNIVERSITY

Item 10c - John E. Connor Museum	\$ 32,342	\$ 33,992
Item 11b - Air Conditioning and Heating Repairs and Equipment, Replacement, Hill, Seale, Cousins Halls	142,754	

EAST TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Item 10d - Oral History Program	28,338	29,783
Item 10e - Sam Rayburn Symposium	35,000	35,000
Item 11b - Renovate Music Building	334,790	
Item 11e - Electric Lighting Relamping		288,400
Item 11f - Mechanical Systems and Variable Volume Modifications		168,000

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

Item 10c - Institute for Labor and Industrial Relations	309,240	325,011
Item 11a - Roof Repairs to Major Buildings	202,000	U.B.
Item 11b - Security Lighting	200,000	
Item 11d - Replace Cooling Tower in Central Plant	800,000	

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON AT CLEAR LAKE CITY

Item 8b - Lease of Facilities	105,000	115,000
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UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON - DOWNTOWN COLLEGE

Item 10b - Student Service Areas	1,136,320	
Item 10c - Business and Instructional Support Service Area	651,900	
Item 10d - General Building Repair	201,400	
Item 10e - Fire and Safety Code Compliance	500,000	U.B.

LAMAR UNIVERSITY

Item 10a - Spindletop Memorial Museum	53,434	56,159
Item 10d - Instructional Equipment	75,000	U.B.
Item 10e - Library Supplement-Port Arthur Campus	89,000	92,500
Item 11b - Technical Arts Lab and Roof	200,000	

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ARTICLE IV (continued)

MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

Item 9c - Instructional Equipment	\$ 160,000	\$ U.B.
Item 10b - Beawood Building Alterations	2,318	
Item 10e - Air Vent Cycles	155,224	
Item 10f - Raze Arena Theatre	5,034	
Item 10h - Raze Art Crafts Building	3,325	

NORTH TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Item 10b - Historical Collection	45,910	48,251
Item 10c - Oral History Program	28,095	29,528
Item 10d - University Center for Community Services	65,464	68,802
Item 10e - Center for Social and Rehabilitative Services	88,193	92,690
Item 10g - Institute for Applied Sciences	178,271	182,773
Item 10i - Genetic Screening and Counseling	107,497	112,980
Item 11a - Renovate in Marquis and Terrill Halls	1,000,000	
Item 11b - Raze Quads I and II, Psychology Building	188,752	

UN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

Item 8d - Inter-American Education Program	96,129	101,031
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STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY

Item 9b - Stone Fort Museum	20,011	21,032
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TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

Item 9e - Law School: Capital Outlay	44,000	U.B.
Item 10e - Roof Repairs - Adams Building	75,000	U.B.

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Item 10e - Junction Annex Operation, including renovation and repair	260,132	273,399
Item 10f - Research on Problems of Arid and Semi-arid Lands	79,725	83,791

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ARTICLE IV (continued)

Item 10h - Efficient Beef Production Research	\$ 157,650	\$ 165,690
Item 10i - Research in Water, Water Conservation and Reuse	193,831	203,716
Item 11b - Renovate Physical Education Facility	300,000	
Item 11c - Energy Related Improvements	156,000	

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Item 17 - School of Nursing	260,935	381,997
Item 18 - For development activities and architectural and engineering fees at the Permian Basin Academic Health Center	100,000	100,000 & U.B.

TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY

Item 10b - Detergency and Textile Research	22,121	23,250
Item 10d - Doctoral Fellowships and Scholarships	50,000	50,000
Item 11b - Raze Three Buildings	185,000	
Item 11c - Raze Old Gymnasium	70,000	

TEXAS EASTERN UNIVERSITY

Item 8b - Nursing Program	62,321	U.B.
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WEST TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Item 9d - Research in Commercially Fed and Slaughtered Cattle	41,620	43,742
Item 10b - Reroof Physical Education Building	25,000	
Item 10d - Complete Air Conditioning, Acoustic Repairs - Education Building	511,500	

SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY

Item 10c - Institute of Driver and Traffic Safety Education	36,785	36,785
Item 11b - Renovate Philosophy, Psychology Building	441,050	

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ARTICLE IV (continued)

SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Item 10b - Reading/Writing Program Development	\$ 84,000	\$ 84,000
Item 10d - Public Safety Emergency Communications System	100,000	U.B.

SUL ROSS STATE UNIVERSITY

Item 9b - Sul Ross State University Museum	35,932	37,487
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TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

Item 10c - For construction and equipping of a 14,600 gross square feet Graphics Communications Technology Building (Sweetwater)	742,000	U.B.
Item 10d - For construction and equipping of a 6,500 gross square feet Electronics Technology Building (Sweetwater)	433,000	U.B.
Item 10e - For construction and equipping of a 14,300 gross square feet Environment and Health Technologies Building (Sweetwater)	727,000	U.B.
Item 10f - For purchase of land and buildings from South Texas Independent School District (Harlingen)	1,200,000	U.B.
Item 10g - For Loop 499 Frontage Development (Harlingen)	200,000	U.B.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS RELATING ONLY TO STATE AGENCIES OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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Sec. 3. COLLEGE BUILDING FUNDS. There also are appropriated for use the allocations from the building funds created by Article VII, Sections 17 and 18, of the State Constitution, to the respective institutions and for the purposes specified therein.

	<u>50,000,000</u>	
TOTAL	<u>\$184,561,990</u>	<u>\$67,908,570</u>

OBJECTIONS TO ITEMS AND REASONS FOR VETO

ARTICLE I - THE JUDICIARY

COURTS OF CIVIL APPEALS

FIRST SUPREME JUDICIAL DISTRICT, HOUSTON - Item 7, FIFTH SUPREME JUDICIAL DISTRICT, DALLAS - Item 7, and FOURTEENTH SUPREME JUDICIAL DISTRICT - Item 7

These items were originally intended to pay solely for the services of retired judges on a part-time basis to help relieve the crowded court docket. House Bill 1355, Acts of the Sixty-fifth Legislature, Regular Session, became effective in November, 1978, following the adoption of a Constitutional Amendment by the voters of Texas and authorized these three Courts with three additional full-time justices each. In my opinion, the services of retired judges on a part-time basis are no longer necessary. Further, House Bill 558 provides each of these three courts with three additional briefing attorneys and three additional administrative technicians for the 1980-81 biennium. These additional positions should provide sufficient support for the activities of the new justices, and the retention of an attorney on a part-time basis is therefore unnecessary. For these reasons, I am vetoing this item of appropriations for these three courts.

TEXAS PROSECUTORS COORDINATING COUNCIL

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 -

Sufficient funds exist in federal criminal justice grants to continue the support of this agency at the funding and staffing levels indicated in House Bill 558 if it is determined such a level of support is absolutely necessary. Appropriation of state funds is obviated. Therefore, I am vetoing this item.

JUDICIARY SECTION, COMPTROLLER'S DEPARTMENT

Item 16 -

Since no bills were enacted into law that would require an appropriation of this nature, I am vetoing this item.

ARTICLE II - HEALTH, WELFARE AND REHABILITATION AGENCIES

COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND

Item 9 -

The activities transferred to the Commission by Senate Bill 1243 are functions currently being performed by the agency. In my opinion, additional travel costs associated with the Texas Committee on Purchases of Blind-Made Products and Services can easily be met within the other items of appropriation contained in House Bill 558. Therefore, I am vetoing this item.

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Item 11c -

This item was not requested by the agency and was not recommended by me, the Legislative Budget Board or the House. The agency appropriation includes funding for a statewide congenital heart disease program which operates through pediatric cardiac diagnostic and treatment centers. Although the Health Department has determined that the incidence of cardiac ailments of children in South Texas is no greater than in any other area of the State, 24 percent of the program's 1978 expenditures assisted children with congenital heart disease treated at the Driscoll Hospital in Corpus Christi. It is unclear how this project would relate to existing programs of the agency. Further, a majority of the funds in item 11c are to be used for salaries and related costs rather than for treatment. For these reasons, I am vetoing this item.

OBJECTIONS TO ITEMS AND REASONS FOR VETO

ARTICLE II (continued)

TEXAS HEALTH FACILITIES COMMISSION

Item 2 -

Since its creation in 1975, this agency has had adequate latitude in determining the staffing requirements necessary to meet the State's responsibility under the National Health Planning and Resource Development Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-641). The agency currently is authorized a Legal Examiner and a General Counsel, both at salary group 21. In my opinion, the workload has not increased sufficiently to warrant the addition of this exempt General Counsel position. For these reasons, I am vetoing this item.

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL RETARDATION - SUPPLEMENTAL RESIDENTIAL SERVICES FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED

Item 2 -

With the veto of the additional beds for the mentally retarded to the Rusk State Hospital, the need for additional staff for the new facility is obviated. Therefore, I am vetoing this item.

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL RETARDATION, CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

Items 2, 3, and 8 -

The Legislative Budget Board included in its construction and renovation recommendations for the Department \$11,600,000 for construction of 253 beds and ancillary buildings for mental retardation services at a new Harris-Galveston County Area facility. This new facility was included because the rapid population growth of the area has resulted in high new-client intake for the Department. In lieu of the Harris-Galveston County Area facility, the House Bill included funding for an additional 156 beds at Brenham State School and 60 additional beds at Fort Worth State School. The House also included funding for renovation of two buildings at Rusk, thus adding 107 beds. Likewise, the Senate rejected the Houston-Galveston facility in favor of the additional 156 beds at Brenham plus ancillary buildings, and 45 additional beds plus ancillary buildings at the Fort Worth facility. The additional beds at Rusk were not included in the Senate recommendations, although the Senate did include funds for 55 beds at Beaumont. The Conference Committee adopted the Senate version of Brenham and Fort Worth, and the House version of Rusk. In my opinion, the legislative process indicated no clear consensus on the number of additional beds needed for the mentally retarded or the preferred geographical location. I have approved the additional 156 beds and ancillary buildings at Brenham State School because of its proximity to the Houston-Galveston area. However, I am not convinced the additional facilities included in these three items are needed, particularly considering the \$125 million appropriation in House Bill 558 (\$15.8 million increase over the current biennium) for community-based facilities. I believe the Board of Mental Health and Mental Retardation should develop a specific plan outlining the precise need for additional beds and their location in view of services currently being provided by institutions and community centers. For these reasons, I am vetoing these items.

Item 6 -

In the biennial request for legislative appropriations, the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation ranked 35 other construction and repair projects totalling \$71.9 million above this particular project. Further, the Department indicated this project to be of lower priority when compared with the new programs and projects authorized to the Department in this appropriations bill. In my opinion, adequate facilities will continue to be available at the institution to meet essential program needs during the 1980-81 biennium. Deletion of this project should not adversely affect the programs and services currently being offered at the institution. Therefore, I am vetoing this item.

OBJECTIONS OF ITEMS AND REASONS FOR VETO

ARTICLE II (continued)

Item 7 -

In the biennial request for legislative appropriations, the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation ranked 51 other construction and repair projects totalling \$95.1 million above this particular project. Further, the Department indicated this project to be of lower priority when compared with the new programs and projects authorized to the Department in this appropriations bill. In my opinion, adequate facilities will continue to be available at the institution to meet essential program needs during the 1980-81 biennium. Deletion of this project should not adversely affect the programs and services currently being offered at the institution. Therefore, I am vetoing this item.

Item 9 -

In the biennial request for legislative appropriations, the Department ranked 46 other construction and repair projects totalling \$92.7 million above this particular item. Further, in the Department's priority ranking of selected items included in House Bill 558, this item was listed as a lower priority. Deletion of this project should not adversely affect the programs and services currently being offered at the institution. Therefore, I am vetoing this item.

Item 12 -

In the biennial request for legislative appropriations, the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation ranked 64 other construction and repair projects totalling \$109.9 million above this particular project. In my opinion, adequate facilities will continue to be available at the institution to meet essential program needs during the 1980-81 biennium without the inclusion of this item to renovate the food service and laundry facilities. Therefore, I am vetoing this item.

TEXAS REHABILITATION COMMISSION

Item 7a -

Services currently are being provided displaced homemakers throughout the State which overlap or duplicate this relatively small program. The Department of Human Resources has budgeted over \$21 million of which 75 percent is federally funded for employment services. The Texas Education Agency has budgeted \$385,000 for services for displaced homemakers, including vocational instruction, counseling, associated child care and job placement. The Texas Employment Commission offers job placement services to all Texas citizens who apply. The State is the recipient of over \$300 million in federal funds annually from the Department of Labor through the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act. These Labor Department funds are allocated to Prime Sponsors (cities and counties) and various contractors to provide skill training and employment services to those most in need, including eligible displaced homemakers. In my opinion, adequate services are available through these programs for displaced homemakers. Therefore, I am vetoing this item.

OBJECTIONS TO ITEMS AND REASONS FOR VETO

ARTICLE II (continued)

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Item 5j -

This item was created as a pilot effort by the Sixty-fifth Legislature to provide improved employability and job placements assistance to AFDC recipients. A number of agencies now are administering similar programs that serve both welfare and non-welfare clients. Educational opportunities, training, job placement and supportive services are provided to this and other target groups through such programs as the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA), vocational education for displaced homemakers, the Work Incentive Program, and other employment programs of the Department of Human Resources. Because of the duplication of programs in this area, I am vetoing this item.

Page II - 59, Rider Provision (47)

This item is a proposal to construct a new state office building and additional parking facilities for a large and growing number of state employees now housed in leased space. Expenditure of funds for this purpose would be in direct contradiction with my goal to reduce, not expand, the state bureaucracy. I have pledged to reduce the number of state employees by 25,000 over the next four years. The Legislature has now joined me in this effort by a rider of legislative intent to reduce the number of state employees five percent each year of the coming biennium. Through this reduction we not only can obviate the need for capital construction but also can return further dividends to our taxpayers through a smaller and more effective state government.

The building construction project for the Department of Human Resources proposes the use of earned federal funds. These earned federal funds were accrued through the agreement and combined efforts of several state agencies to finance ongoing programs of the Department of Human Resources and to reduce the Department's requirement for General Revenue. In my budget recommendations, these earned federal funds were applied more appropriately to meet essential human service needs, as the Legislature has done for the past three biennia. In my opinion, the outlay of \$40 million for a new state office building does not respond to public demand for prudent use of our State's resources. Therefore, I am vetoing this item.

TEXAS YOUTH COUNCIL, BUILDING AND REPAIR PROGRAM

Item 3 -

The Texas Youth Council is going through a transition period. Community programs are being utilized to a greater extent to meet population increases. Just recently, the Gatesville State School was transferred to the Texas Department of Corrections. The Crockett Wilderness program faces the possibility of being moved to another location and the West Texas Children's Home is being reviewed for possible program changes. As evidenced by these changes, it is difficult to ascertain what population levels can be expected at the various remaining institutions. In my opinion, with existing facilities and the remaining construction and repair projects authorized in this bill, the Youth Council facilities will be adequate for the next biennium. Therefore, I am vetoing this item.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS RELATING ONLY TO THE SPECIAL SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTIONS UNDER THE TEXAS YOUTH COUNCIL

Section 15 - Items 1 and 2 -

In my opinion, sufficient funds are available in the Central Office and institutional appropriations to provide essential program services during the 1980-81 biennium without the inclusion of these appropriation items. I am vetoing these items for that reason.

OBJECTIONS TO ITEMS AND REASONS FOR VETO

ARTICLE III - EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

TEXAS AERONAUTICS COMMISSION

Item 3b for the 1981 fiscal year -

This item is three times the amount appropriated for the 1978-79 biennium and twice the amount recommended by me for this biennium. The recently revised motor fuels tax structure eliminates the aviation fuel tax effective January 1, 1980, deleting over \$600,000 annually in user tax funds that have been committed to this program. In my opinion, adequate funds are provided in the 1980 fiscal year appropriation of \$3,102,227 to continue this program of airport assistance to local communities in the next biennium. The 1980 fiscal year appropriation alone represents an increase of \$1,102,227, or 55 percent, for this program over the current spending level. For these reasons, I am vetoing the appropriation amount for this item for the 1981 fiscal year.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Item 8 -

In my opinion, sufficient funds are available in other programs within the Department of Agriculture and other items of appropriation in House Bill 558 to inform the public about the continuing importance of food and fiber production. Therefore, I am vetoing this item.

Item 9 -

In my opinion, this item can be deleted without adversely affecting the programs or operations of the Department of Agriculture. Therefore, I am vetoing this item.

ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION

Item 1c -

The position of Deputy Executive Director was created during the 1979 fiscal year for the expressed purpose of providing a position to be responsible for the development and management of Texas' expanded program for brucellosis control. The creation of such a position at a higher salary than the existing exempt position entitled Assistant Executive Director does not make good management or organizational sense. In House Bill 558, the Animal Health Commission is authorized the unlimited use of certain classified job titles, such as Director, Special Programs (Group 21), and Administrator of Technical Programs II (Group 19). Classified job titles such as these, as well as the veterinarian series, should be utilized to provide specific management of the various agency programs while the exempt positions of Executive Director and Assistant Executive Director should provide sufficient overall agency management. For these reasons, I am vetoing this item.

COMMISSION ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Items 2b and 2c -

House Bill 558 provides \$1.5 million for each year of the 1980-81 biennium for Community Arts. This appropriation alone constitutes an increase of \$1.7 million, or 137 percent, over the current level of appropriations for the grants program. In my opinion, an increase of this nature is quite adequate and I am vetoing these two items for that reason.

OBJECTIONS TO ITEMS AND REASONS FOR VETO

ARTICLE III (continued)

COASTAL AND MARINE COUNCIL

Item 8 -

In my opinion, bibliographic services should be provided to agencies of the state only if specific needs exist and if the user is willing to pay for such services. Therefore, I am vetoing this item.

COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

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The contingency for which this appropriation was made is not applicable and I am vetoing this item for that reason.

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This appropriation was made contingent upon the passage of Senate Bill 643 which did not receive legislative approval. Therefore, I am vetoing this item because it is unnecessary.

STATE BOARD OF CONTROL Items 9b(1) and 9b(2) - and DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION Item 6 -

These items comprise part of a proposal to construct new state office buildings and additional parking facilities for a large and growing number of state employees now housed in leased space. Expenditure of funds for this purpose would be in direct contradiction with my goal to reduce, not expand, the state bureaucracy. I have pledged to reduce the number of state employees by 25,000 over the next four years. The Legislature has now joined me in this effort by a rider of legislative intent to reduce the number of state employees five percent each year of the coming biennium. Through this reduction we not only can obviate the need for capital construction but also can return further dividends to our taxpayers through a smaller and more effective state government.

The building construction project for the Department of Highways and Public Transportation would use the resources of State Highway Fund 6, a fund dedicated to the construction and maintenance of a highway system to meet the needs of all Texas and its industry. If the funds available exceed the amount needed for this basic purpose, the excess should be held in reserve for a future reevaluation of state needs.

For the reasons outlined above, I am vetoing these items.

OBJECTIONS TO ITEMS AND REASONS FOR VETO

ARTICLE III (continued)

STATE BOARD OF CONTROL

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In my opinion, this provision is unconstitutional because it attempts to amend general law. Because of its unconstitutionality and my personal objections to the intent of the rider, I am vetoing it from the general appropriations bill.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Items 8b and 8c for the 1981 fiscal year -

In my opinion, the construction items I am approving for the Department are the most essential and are all the Department can reasonably be expected to accomplish during the next biennium. Delaying these two items should not adversely affect the programs and operations of the Department of Corrections. For these reasons, I am vetoing these items.

Items 8e, 8r, and 8t -

House Bill 558 provides authorization for three construction projects and 19 repair or renovation projects. With the deletion of these projects and second year appropriations, funds for construction and major repairs total \$60.9 million for the 1980-81 biennium. Further, the Sixty-fifth Legislature authorized and appropriated \$40.0 million for the construction of a prison hospital. These three projects are of lower priority with regard to other items of appropriation contained in the bill. In my opinion, the Department will be able to provide adequate services at all units including Gatesville without these projects. For these reasons, I am vetoing these items.

STATE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Item 6 - See explanation on previous page.

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The elimination of hazardous and congested railway-highway intersections is an important goal for both state and local governments. The State Department of Highways and Public Transportation has been appropriated over \$1.5 billion dollars for construction projects on the State Highway System during the 1980-81 biennium. These projects routinely include railway-highway grade separation bridges. Historically, the State has not assumed responsibility for improvements to local roads and streets which are not a part of the 71,000 mile State Highway System. This item would provide additional general revenue funds to an already large highway construction program and would commit the state to improvements to local roads and streets. For these reasons, I am vetoing this item.

TEXAS INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

Item 7 -

This is a new item and was not recommended by me or the Legislative Budget Board and was not included in either the House or Senate version of the appropriations bill. The purpose of this funding is not clearly defined in the appropriations bill nor was it part of the agency's request. In my opinion, approval of such funding would reflect neither the prudent use of the funds nor serve the best interests of the citizens or economy of the State. Therefore, I am vetoing this item.

STATE BOARD OF INSURANCE

Item 11 -

This appropriation was made contingent upon the passage of Senate Bill 219 which did not receive legislative approval. Therefore, I am vetoing this item because it is unnecessary.

TEXAS ADVISORY COMMISSION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Items 1, 2, and 3 for the 1981 fiscal year -

In my opinion, the services of this agency can be provided by other governmental and private units and I am vetoing the second year of these items for that reason.

GENERAL LAND OFFICE AND VETERANS' LAND BOARD

Item 6 for the 1981 fiscal year -

This item was not recommended by me or the Legislative Budget Board and in my opinion sufficient need has not been demonstrated to continue this program beyond the 1980 fiscal year. Therefore, I am vetoing the second year of this item.

BOARD OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

Items 1, 2, 3, and 4 -

Senate Bill 551 merges the functions of this agency with those of the Board of Architectural Examiners. Therefore, the appropriation to this agency is unnecessary and I am vetoing these items for that reason.

FLEET ADMIRAL CHESTER W. NIMITZ MEMORIAL NAVAL MUSEUM COMMISSION

Item 7 -

This item was not recommended by me or the Legislative Budget Board. Although the renovation might enhance the museum, it is not absolutely essential to the operation of the museum and could be funded through other sources. Therefore, I am vetoing this item of appropriation.

OBJECTIONS TO ITEMS AND REASONS FOR VETO

ARTICLE III (continued)

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Item 2d for the 1981 fiscal year -

This item contains appropriation authority necessary to perform the fiscal duties of the Board of County and District Road Indebtedness. This Board was not reestablished under provisions of the Texas Sunset Act by the Sixty-sixth Legislature. Therefore, I am vetoing the 1981 appropriation because the duties are no longer required.

ARTICLE IV - AGENCIES OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

TEXAS SCHOOLS FOR THE BLIND AND DEAF

Item 4a -

The role and scope of the School for the Deaf is changing as service to the multiply handicapped receives more emphasis. It would be inappropriate to construct a new facility at this institution until the ramifications of this change in emphasis are more fully developed. In my opinion, the deletion of this project for the 1980-81 biennium will not adversely affect the quality of programs at the Deaf School and I am vetoing it for that reason.

COORDINATING BOARD, TEXAS COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Item 13 -

Although this program has received annual appropriations of \$750,000 since fiscal year 1976, only twenty students have participated. In my opinion, the program does not provide an essential service and further funding is not necessary. For this reason, I am vetoing this item.

PUBLIC JUNIOR COLLEGES

Item 48 -

This item was not recommended by me or the Legislative Budget Board. The universities and junior colleges are funded through a system of formulas that provides funds to each institution based on actual enrollments. Although contingency funds have been recommended by the Coordinating Board in past biennia in accordance with law, the Board did not recommend contingency funds for the public junior colleges for the 1980-81 biennium. Further, the Coordinating Board did not recommend nor did the House and Senate versions of the appropriation bill provide contingency funding for enrollment increases of the universities. For these reasons, I am vetoing this item.

Items 49 and 50 -

These items were not recommended by me or the Legislative Budget Board. State aid to the public junior colleges is provided through a system of formulas based on actual enrollments to distribute state funds equitably for general academic and vocational-technical education programs on a district-wide basis. The start-up funds provided for new campuses make supplemental funds available to only four of the junior colleges, and therefore represents an inequitable appropriation over and above the formula-produced amounts. For these reasons, I am vetoing these items.

OBJECTIONS TO ITEMS AND REASONS FOR VETO

ARTICLE IV (continued)

Item 51 -

This item was not recommended by me or the Legislative Budget Board. In my opinion, sufficient funds are provided in the line-item appropriations for general academic and vocational-technical education programs to the public junior colleges for this purpose. Further, the quality of public junior college educational programs was not adversely affected during the 1978-79 biennium, although no reimbursement funds were provided for this purpose during that period. For these reasons, I am vetoing this item.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

Items 10a(2), 10a(3), 10a(4), 10b(1), 10b(2), 10b(3), 10b(5), 10c(1), and 10c(2) -

These special items are vetoed in order to allow rebudgeting of overall University of Texas at Austin programs. It is my intent that the Board of Regents review all programs and fund these programs from other institutional resources as it judges to be appropriate. The net result will be an overall reduction in the amount appropriated of \$5.2 million out of a total appropriation of \$276 million.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO

Item 9c -

In my opinion, the operation of this museum is not essential to the institution's educational mission. While I do not object to local services of this type, a system of charges can be established to finance operations should sufficient community support be available. For these reasons, I am vetoing this item.

Item 9e -

In my opinion, the educational programs of the University will not be adversely impacted by the deletion of this item and I am vetoing it for this reason.

Items 9g and 9h -

If it is determined that research of this nature is absolutely necessary, sufficient funds are included in the appropriations for organized research and other items of appropriation to serve the purposes authorized by these items. The studies contemplated by these items should be subject to internal review procedures of the University in competition with other research proposals for the funds appropriated. For these reasons, I am vetoing these items.

Items 10b and 10c -

In my opinion, these projects are not absolutely necessary at this time and can be deleted without detracting from the quality of the educational offerings of the University. For these reasons, I am vetoing these items.

ARTICLE IV (continued)

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In my opinion, no compelling need has been demonstrated for the inclusion of this provision in the general appropriations bill and I am vetoing it for that reason.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO

Item 9b -

This item was not recommended by me or the Legislative Budget Board. Sufficient funds should be available in the formula items of appropriation to fund this program during the 1980-81 biennium and a special item appropriation is therefore unnecessary. Deletion of this item should not have an adverse effect on the educational programs of the University. For these reasons, I am vetoing this item.

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In my opinion, this institution receives adequate funds through the formula system. This rider provides a supplemental appropriation and is not absolutely necessary with regard to the educational offerings of the University. Therefore, I am vetoing this item.

THE INSTITUTE OF TEXAN CULTURES

Items 2a and 2b -

In my opinion, the expenditure of these funds is not absolutely essential at this time and can be delayed without adversely affecting the programs of the Institute. Therefore, I am vetoing these items.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT SAN ANTONIO

Item 15c -

In my opinion, adequate funds are provided through other items of appropriation to meet essential instructional needs of the School of Nursing. This is not a high priority of the institution with regard to other items of appropriation and its deletion should not detract from the quality of the educational programs of the Health Science Center. For these reasons, I am vetoing this item.

Item 17 -

This special item represents a supplemental appropriation for the purchase of teaching equipment. In my opinion, essential needs for such equipment are met through other items of appropriation and this supplemental appropriation is unnecessary. Therefore, I am vetoing this item.

ARTICLE IV (continued)

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH CENTER AT TYLER

Item 9a -

In my opinion, adequate funds are provided through other items of appropriation to meet the essential clinical facility needs of the Health Center during the 1980-81 biennium. This item is of lower priority of the institution with regard to other items of appropriation and its deletion should not detract from the quality of the Center's patient care program. Therefore, I am vetoing this item.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Items 10c and 10g -

These special items are vetoed in order to allow rebudgeting of overall Texas A&M University programs. It is my intent that the Board of Regents review all programs and fund these programs from other institutional resources as it judges to be appropriate. The net result will be an overall reduction in the amount appropriated of \$1.9 million out of a total appropriation of \$195 million.

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

Item 9d -

In my opinion, these needs are equitably met through the regular formula item appropriations. Deletion of this item should not detract from the quality of the educational programs of the University. Therefore, I am vetoing this item.

TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY

Items 10a, 10b, and 10c -

House Bill 558 provides funds for two other projects of higher institutional priority for the 1980-81 biennium. In my opinion, other projects are not absolutely necessary at this time and can be deleted without detracting from the quality of the educational offerings of the University. For these reasons, I am vetoing these items.

TEXAS AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

Item 3q -

This item was not requested by the Agricultural Experiment Station, and appeared only in the House version of the appropriations bill. In my opinion, sufficient funds are available in the Energy Advisory Council appropriation for this type of research and this project should be subjected to review in competition for funds available. Therefore, this project is unnecessary and I am vetoing this item for that reason.

OBJECTIONS TO ITEMS AND REASONS FOR VETO

ARTICLE IV (continued)

Item 5b -

In my opinion, responsibility for research projects of this type rests more appropriately with general education institutions and is not essential to the mission of the Experiment Station. For this reason, I am vetoing this item.

AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE

Item 1d -

This item was not recommended by me or the Legislative Budget Board and was not included in the House version of the appropriations bill. In my opinion, sufficient need has not been demonstrated to include an appropriation for this purpose. Deletion of this item for the 1980-81 biennium should not detract from the quality of service provided by the agency. For these reasons, I am vetoing this item.

TEXAS ENGINEERING EXTENSION SERVICE

Item 5 for the 1981 fiscal year -

House Bill 558 provides \$500,000 in the 1980 fiscal year for capital outlay and construction equipment. In my opinion, this is adequate to meet needs for equipment replacement during the 1980-81 biennium. Therefore, I am vetoing the second year of this item.

TEXAS FOREST SERVICE

Item 6 for the 1981 fiscal year -

House Bill 558 provides \$448,490 in the 1980 fiscal year for capital outlay and construction equipment. In my opinion, this is adequate to meet needs for equipment replacement during the 1980-81 biennium. Therefore, I am vetoing the second year of this item.

CORPUS CHRISTI STATE UNIVERSITY

Item 8b -

In my opinion, these needs are adequately met through the formula item appropriations to the universities. Deletion of this item should not detract from the quality of the educational programs of the University. Therefore, I am vetoing this item.

Item 9b -

In my opinion, sufficient funds are available through the other items of appropriation to correct any maintenance and visual problems presented by these structures. Therefore, I am vetoing this item.

OBJECTIONS TO ITEMS AND REASONS FOR VETO

ARTICLE IV (continued)

TEXAS A&I UNIVERSITY

Item 10c -

In my opinion, the operation of this museum is not essential to the institution's educational mission. While I do not object to local services of this type, a system of charges can be established to finance operations should sufficient community support be available. For this reason, I am vetoing this item.

Item 11b -

In my opinion, this lower priority project can be deleted without detracting from the quality of the educational programs of the University. Essential educational needs should continue to be met with existing facilities and major repair projects authorized in House Bill 558. Therefore, I am vetoing this item.

EAST TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Items 10d and 10e -

These two special items are of a lower priority with regard to other items of appropriation contained in House Bill 558. Further, with the inclusion of high priority special item funding included in the bill, the University should be able to continue to provide quality educational programs during the next biennium. If it is absolutely essential that these programs be continued, the University has the option of using other available funds for this purpose and pursuant to management priorities. For these reasons, I am vetoing these items.

Items 11b, 11e, and 11f -

In my opinion, these lower priority repair projects are not absolutely necessary at this time and can be deleted without detracting from the quality of the educational offerings of the University. Essential educational needs should continue to be met with existing facilities and other major repair projects authorized in House Bill 558. Therefore, I am vetoing these items.

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

Item 10c -

This special item is of a lower priority with regard to other items of appropriation contained in House Bill 558. Further, with the inclusion of high priority special item funding included in the bill, the University should be able to continue to provide quality educational programs during the next biennium. If it is absolutely essential that this program be continued, the University has the option of using other available funds for this purpose and pursuant to management priorities. For these reasons, I am vetoing this item.

Items 11a, 11b, and 11d -

In my opinion, these lower priority repair projects are not absolutely necessary at this time and can be deleted without detracting from the quality of the educational offerings of the University. Essential educational needs should continue to be met with existing facilities and other major repair projects authorized in House Bill 558. Therefore, I am vetoing these items.

ARTICLE IV (continued)

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON AT CLEAR LAKE CITY

Item 8b -

In my opinion, this institution has sufficient classroom space to meet its enrollment projections through the 1980-81 biennium, and I am therefore vetoing this item.

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON - DOWNTOWN COLLEGE

Items 10b, 10c, 10d, and 10e -

In my opinion, these lower priority repair projects are not absolutely necessary at this time and can be deleted without detracting from the quality of the educational offerings of the University. Essential educational needs should continue to be met with existing facilities and other major repair projects authorized in House Bill 558. Therefore, I am vetoing these items.

LAMAR UNIVERSITY

Item 10a -

In my opinion, the operation of this museum is not essential to the institution's educational mission. While I do not object to local services of this type, a system of charges can be established to finance operations should sufficient community support be available. For this reason, I am vetoing this item.

Items 10d and 10e -

These items were not recommended by me or the Legislative Budget Board. In my opinion, needs of this nature are adequately met through the formula item appropriations to the universities. This special item constitutes a supplemental appropriation that is not absolutely necessary with regard to the educational programs offered by the University. Therefore, I am vetoing this item.

Item 11b -

In my opinion, this lower priority repair project is not absolutely necessary at this time and can be deleted without detracting from the quality of the educational offerings of the University. Essential educational needs should continue to be met with existing facilities and other major repair projects authorized in House Bill 558. Therefore, I am vetoing this item.

MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

Item 9c -

In my opinion, these needs are met through the formula item appropriations to the universities. Deletion of this item should not detract from the quality of the educational programs of the University. Therefore, I am vetoing this item.

Items 10b, 10f, and 10h -

In my opinion, these needs are adequately met through the physical plant appropriations to the universities. Deletion of these items should not detract from the quality of the educational programs of the University. Therefore, I am vetoing these items.

Item 10e -

In my opinion, this lower priority repair project is not absolutely necessary at this time and can be deleted without detracting from the quality of the educational offerings of the University. Essential educational needs should continue to be met with existing facilities and other major repair projects authorized in House Bill 558. Therefore, I am vetoing this item.

NORTH TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Items 10b, 10c, 10d, 10e, and 10g -

These special items are of a lower priority with regard to other items of appropriation contained in House Bill 558. Further, with the inclusion of high priority special item funding included in the bill, the University should be able to continue to provide quality educational programs during the next biennium. If it is absolutely essential that these programs be continued, the University has the option of using other available funds for this purpose and pursuant to management priorities. For these reasons, I am vetoing these items.

Item 10i -

House Bill 558 contains a \$2.8 million increase for the genetic screening program at the Denton State School. In my opinion, appropriations to Denton State School are quite adequate for a genetic screening and counseling program and I am therefore vetoing this item.

Items 11a and 11b -

In my opinion, these lower priority repair projects are not absolutely necessary at this time and can be deleted without detracting from the quality of the educational offerings of the University. Essential educational needs should continue to be met with existing facilities, and other major repair projects authorized in House Bill 558. Therefore, I am vetoing these items.

PAN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

Item 8d -

This special item is not absolutely essential to the successful operation of this program. The instructional component of this program can be operated out of regular formula appropriations. The University may, if it so desires, operate the seminars out of other institutional sources. For these reasons, I am vetoing this item.

OBJECTIONS TO ITEMS AND REASONS FOR VETO

ARTICLE IV (continued)

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY

Item 9b -

In my opinion, the operation of this museum is not essential to the institution's educational mission. While I do not object to local services of this type, a system of charges can be established to finance operations should sufficient community support be available. For this reason, I am vetoing this item.

TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

Item 9e -

This item was not recommended by me or by the Legislative Budget Board and was not included in the Senate version of the appropriations bill. In my opinion, needs of this nature are adequately met through the formula item appropriations to the universities. This special item constitutes a supplemental appropriation that is not absolutely necessary with regard to the educational programs offered by the University. Therefore, I am vetoing this item.

Item 10e -

In my opinion, this lower priority repair project is not absolutely necessary at this time and can be deleted without detracting from the quality of the educational offerings of the University. Essential educational needs should continue to be met with existing facilities and other major repair projects authorized in House Bill 558. Therefore, I am vetoing this item.

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Items 10e, 10f, 10h, and 10i -

These special items are of a lower priority with regard to other items of appropriation contained in House Bill 558. Further, with the inclusion of high priority special item funding included in the bill, the University should be able to continue to provide quality educational programs during the next biennium. If it is absolutely essential that these programs be continued, the University has the option of using other available funds for this purpose and pursuant to management priorities. For these reasons, I am vetoing these items.

Items 11b and 11c -

In my opinion, these lower priority repair projects are not absolutely necessary at this time and can be deleted without detracting from the quality of the educational offerings of the University. Essential educational needs can be met with existing facilities, and other major repair projects authorized in House Bill 558. Therefore, I am vetoing these items.

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Item 17 -

Texas institutions of higher education now include three schools of nursing as components of The University of Texas Health Science Centers. In addition, nursing programs of our general academic institutions include 17 generic and four upper level baccalaureate degree programs. In my opinion, the combined enrollment and growth potential of these existing programs are adequate to meet essential state needs for nurse training and the establishment of a school of nursing at the Texas Tech University School of Medicine is not necessary at this time. For this reason, I am vetoing this item.

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ARTICLE IV (continued)

Item 18 -

This item was not recommended by me or the Legislative Budget Board and was not included in the Senate version of the appropriations bill. It is not a high priority in the institution with regard to other items of appropriation. House Bill 558 appropriates \$68,820 to continue a planning effort in regard to the establishment of a Permian Basin Regional Academic Health Center. In my opinion, it is inappropriate to undertake further development efforts in this regard until better information is available as to needs and long range costs. For these reasons, I am vetoing this item.

TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY

Items 10b and 10d -

These two special items are of a lower priority with regard to other items of appropriation contained in House Bill 558. Further, with the inclusion of high priority special item funding included in the bill, the University should be able to continue to provide quality educational programs during the next biennium. If it is absolutely essential that these programs be continued, the University has the option of using other available funds for this purpose and pursuant to management priorities. For these reasons, I am vetoing these items.

Items 11b and 11c -

In my opinion, these lower priority repair projects are not absolutely necessary at this time and can be deleted without detracting from the quality of the educational offerings of the University. Essential educational needs should continue to be met with existing facilities, and other major repair projects authorized in House Bill 558. Therefore, I am vetoing these items.

TEXAS EASTERN UNIVERSITY

Item 8b -

This program was not requested by the University and was not included in my budget recommendations. Sufficient funds should be available in the formula items of appropriation if the University determines the need for this program during the 1980-81 biennium and a special item appropriation is therefore unnecessary. For these reasons, I am vetoing this item.

WEST TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Item 9d -

If it is determined that research of this nature is absolutely necessary, sufficient funds are included in the appropriations for organized research and other items of appropriation to serve the purpose authorized by this item. The studies contemplated by this item should be subjected to internal review procedures of the University in competition with other research proposals for the funds appropriated. For these reasons, I am vetoing this item.

Items 10b and 10d -

In my opinion, these lower priority repair projects are not absolutely necessary at this time and can be deleted without detracting from the quality of the educational offerings of the University. Essential educational needs should continue to be met with existing facilities, and other major repair projects authorized in House Bill 558. Therefore, I am vetoing these items.

OBJECTIONS TO ITEMS AND REASONS FOR VETO

ARTICLE IV (continued)

SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY

Item 10c -

This special item is of a lower priority with regard to other items of appropriation contained in House Bill 558. Further, with the inclusion of high priority special item funding included in the bill, the University should be able to continue to provide quality educational programs during the next biennium. If it is absolutely essential that this program be continued, the University has the option of using other available funds for this purpose and pursuant to management priorities. For these reasons, I am vetoing this item.

Item 11b -

In my opinion, adequate instructional facilities are available at the institution to meet essential educational needs. The deletion of this project for 1980-81 biennium should not adversely affect the educational programs of the University. Therefore, I am vetoing this item.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Items 10b and 10d -

These two special items are of a lower priority with regard to other items of appropriation contained in House Bill 558 and are in my opinion not absolutely essential with regard to educational programs of the University. Therefore, I am vetoing these items.

SUL ROSS STATE UNIVERSITY

Item 9b -

In my opinion, the operation of this museum is not essential to the institution's educational mission. While I do not object to local services of this type, a system of charges can be established to finance operations should sufficient community support be available. For this reason, I am vetoing this item.

TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

Items 10c, 10d and 10e -

House Bill 510, Acts of the Sixty-fifth Legislature, provided funds for the construction of five instructional buildings at the Institute's campus in Sweetwater. With the completion of this construction program, the priority needs of the Sweetwater campus will have been met. These items are not of high priority of the institution with regard to other items of appropriation and, in my opinion, can be deleted without detracting from the capability of the campus to provide quality training for the projected enrollment. Therefore, I am vetoing these items.

Items 10f and 10g -

In my opinion, these projects are not absolutely necessary at this time. House Bill 510, Acts of the Sixty-fifth Legislature, provided funds for the construction of a Vocational-Technical Building at the Institute's Harlingen Campus. Completion of this project should meet essential needs of the Campus for instructional facilities. Future needs can then be evaluated with regard to enrollment growth during the next budgetary process. For these reasons, I am vetoing these items.

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ARTICLE IV

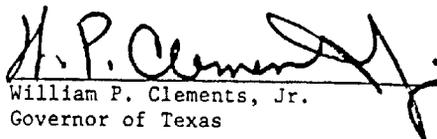
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Article 7, Section 18 funds of the Constitution are appropriated elsewhere in this Act. Senate Bill 621, Acts of the Sixty-sixth Legislature, has effectively eliminated the future source of dedicated revenue for construction of new buildings pursuant to Article 7, Section 17 of the Constitution. Thus, only one year of funding will be available to the universities covered by Section 17 and these funds are restricted to new construction. Concerns have been expressed about the need for new construction, especially in view of stabilization of enrollments and even enrollment decline of several institutions. To prevent needless new construction and to allow sufficient time for a detailed study on how these funds could be utilized equitably to meet critical or priority state needs, I am vetoing this item.

House Bill 558 was received in the Governor's Office less than ten (10) days prior to the adjournment of the Regular Session of the Sixty-sixth Legislature and, in accordance with the Constitution of the State of Texas, this Bill, together with this Proclamation, is filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Texas.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the seal of the State of Texas to be affixed hereto at Austin, Texas, on this 14th day of June, 1979.


William P. Clements, Jr.
Governor of Texas

By the Governor:

Secretary of State