

League of Women Voters of Texas
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COMMITTEE

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Daniel
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Committee number present

Committee activity (public hearing, etc.)

RECORD OF ACTIVITY (record all votes, resolutions, who testified, major points made, etc. continue on back and additional sheets when necessary)

*Full Con. Can
Debat 3rd Reading;
Amendments -
Legislative Article*

Barker Amendment adopted

Van Dalar Amendment:

*Representative office vacancy
adopted - no objection.*

*Amendment:
Maloney - p. 11 lines 20 + 21*

adopted - no objection.

*Supper amendment - separate subcommittee
? on 4yr terms of members
? & when it should go into effect.*

Maloney motion: adopted

*Maloney withdrew previous amendment & subcommittee following
complete substitute for Sec 6. SUBA. - Salary Commission*

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*No salary recommendation by
salary commission could be speeded
by legislative bill.
adopted - no objection.*

Scaggin Amendment:

Similar to yesterday's
(House to elect Secretary
Senate — " " Sergeant arms
voted down by majority vote yesterday
Donaldson speak against
doesn't belong in Constitution
but ruling as house

Record vote requested

failed to pass

9 present & not voting

Coleman amendment

alternative

would add.

Sub E. to Sec 7

Vote on Article

126 ays - 26 or 20 NOS

Alternative submissions

#1

adapted

#2

June 19, 1974

p.m. session

Legislative Art 3rd reading
membership

5
6(3)
3

Meier -

3/5 (60%) # votes

90-14
18-5

Sec. 12(a)

Washington for

106 Y 41 N - adopted

Beyers

Sullivan - 3/5 to call itself in session Sec. 7(g)

Lagdale & Coleman against

Yes 113 37 No

Parker - delete Sec. 7(g) Poerner - favor

Denton, Leiger, Bales against, Keland

Table 49 Yes 103 No fails

emotional

Question on Adoption

Amendment

Coleman

2 substitutes to Parker

2 or 3 other amendments
division of questions

A & D - 8 a.m.

2 a.m. - Monday

Tuesday Finance -

2 weeks early

recess until 9:30 Tomorrow

(R)

Will meet on adjournment today - What happens if separate sub & const passes.

~~Leg~~ present
Legislature
SC -

new footnote 4 several items coming that sub. Com had not considered.

what if leg does not act to reject it
The new draft means old plan as well as new.

Flag date for completion of census
Dec 31st possible

Eisenhower sentence:

p 26 note makes clear must be annual review but Commission does not have to make changes

Allowances would not have to wait for next session, compensation would.

p 29 consecutive days meant for both reg & sp sessions

Gov can introduce additional matters in sp session. Leg can not. This is not veto session

New coined phrase "retrosession"

sec 9

May Time Gov takes office & time leg
commences.

Would like to meet in mornings

Possibly have full day Friday or Sat AM
to work.

Expect good by this weekend.
Well be working on finance act on Friday

Work schedule for this week
Judiciary & Gr P meet this
afternoon to complete
Committee report

Maloney - statement of entire article
members will present
diff sections

article will be considered section by
section

Caldwell - Does right to work
appear in ^{article} Maloney Not Yet!
Explanation

Sec. - Henderson - leaves sole
law making power in leg.

Amen 1 - Gresham - cross out
"of the State"
adopted

~~Amend~~ Sec. 2 - Poff - sentiment in
committee to enlarge Senate

Adams questioned Poff - &
said this was just designed
to protect peoples jobs
Patman supported Poff

Amen - Sherman - The Senate
carried 31 - # of Rep 150
(leaves it the way it is)

Byrnum - spoke against
Sherman amen.

Adams took Byrnum on - costs
too much money for more
legislators

Widd. - spoke against & amen.

Texas has the fewest Senators
of any Senate & next to
highest in number they rep.

Changes would not go into
effect until 1980 (transition
schedule)

Poff moves to table

56-109 fails

Wyatt

~~Wyatt~~ Sub - The Senate 40 -

of Rep 120

Adams moves to table 122 - ages
fails

Amen 4 Donaldson -

31 Senate - H of Rep. not less

93 - 150

73-76 Nos - fails

Gues Morn!

Grace - I don't think we
had an observer but I'm
sure you can't read a
thing I wrote. Saw several
desks this morn with our
League notes ~~on~~ on them
so at least they all got that.

am

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Cora Briggs^{5/7} called.

Conv. schedule

a.m. - discussed

Sec 12 - leg.

have 3 remaining secs.

will prob. do these p.m.

expect sections

13-14-15 to be acceptable.

hope to complete leg. today

NEXT Sep. of Powers - hope to
finish by Thursday.

Recess 'til Monday.

Call if any questions.

Kwik-Kopy

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Legislative
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March 19 eve
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12 - 14
Committee number present

Work session Voting formally for the 2nd time around
Committee activity (public hearing, etc.)

RECORD OF ACTIVITY (record all votes, resolutions, who testified, major points made, etc. continue on back and additional sheets when necessary)

On March 18 the committee voted on Sec 1-4 the members of house & Senate were changed last night as well as the term of office for Rep.

Sec 5- Reconsideration passed (10-4)
Bynum amendment (attached) passed Sec 5(e)

Sec 6 Compensation

Davis moved for reconsideration as he wanted to delete Sec 6 - this sounds odd as there is no Sec 6 but he wanted to then add a Sec 6 saying the leg. could set their own salaries - he says the public isn't going to be fooled by no mention of salaries in Const. so why not be honest & say what they are doing. Reconsideration failed 1-11

Sec 7. Sessions

Bynum & Sieger moved to reconsider
Scoggins moved to table - Passed 8-4

★ Sec 8 Organization & Procedure

Reconsideration passed
Bynum amendment passed (see attached)
Clower & Ragsdale voted against Bynum amendment

OBSERVER COMMENTS

after the motion to table Sec 7 passed Davis & Sieger walked out - Sieger returned Davis didn't
The vote on Sec 8 really upset me - they obviously don't want the public to have an easily accessible record of what they say!

Clower pointed out this would be a waste of time as this issue will be brought out on floors.

DATE

Sec 9 - No amend.

Sec 10 - Ragsdale move to reconsider so he could strike "except in quasi-judicial proceedings" Sec 10(e) & Clower wanted to strike "as the emoluments of which may be substantially increased" Sec 10(b) but Reconsideration failed

Sec 11 - No amend,

Sec 12 - No amend.

Sec 13 - Clower moved to reconsider so President Pro Temp would preside in impeachment rather than Chief Justice Sec 13, c. but reconsideration failed

Sec 14 No amend.

Sec 15 No amend.

Sec 16 Byrum moves to reconsider & delete whole Sec 16 passed

Clower spoke to keep initiative.

Clower, Blalock, Greer, Potman

Poff voted against dropping Sec 16

Then in some really queer parliamentary maneuvers they killed initiative in committee permanently.

Waddington had left before vote & several pro-initiative people were not there.

Sec 18 - Greer moved to reconsider & strike last TP - failed

Adopted

COMMITTEE ON THE LEGISLATURE

Committee Amendment _____

by Ben Bynum

Amend Legislative Committee Draft Article Sec. 5(e)

by:

deleting it and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 5(e)

If the Supreme Court of Texas or ^{the} a federal court finds a redistricting plan enacted by the legislature invalid, the legislature shall meet in special session within fourteen days of the court's ruling, on a date set by the secretary of state or on the fourteenth day, to consider enactment of a new redistricting plan. If a regular session of the legislature convenes within 45 days of the court's ruling of invalidity, consideration and enactment of a new redistricting plan is postponed until that regular session.

If the legislature fails to enact a new redistricting plan during the special session or within the first thirty days of the regular session, ^{after it has been held invalid (passed)} whichever is applicable, the Supreme Court of Texas shall redistrict the state within ten days.

*Repeal
of final judgment & replaced by
failed*

if not then in session (passed)



Amendment _____

By Ben Byrum

Amend Section 8(f) of the proposed Legislative Article by
deleting on line 20 and 21 the words "and verbatim reports
of its proceedings".

Clower No
Rysdale "

Passed

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March 5, 1974
DATE

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12
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Work session
Committee activity (public hearing, etc.)

RECORD OF ACTIVITY (record all votes, resolutions; who testified, major points made, etc. continue on back and additional sheets when necessary)

Sec. 12 "Local Special Legislation"

See attached proposal as drafted by sub committee

The Danaldson Amendment with an added sub sec (c) defining local special laws was finally passed after a "call" had been put on committee.

The ~~opponents~~ ^{opponents} to this fear it blocked out all mandatory special laws & they thought the Leg. should have more flexibility.

Sec. 13 - Adopted after an amend. changing line 4 of committee draft being changed to majority of membership for the initiation of impeachment proceedings.

Sec. 14 - Adopted ~~after~~ after changing line 2 of draft to read 2/3 of membership instead of 2/3 of members present & voting

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The Nat. Municipal League lobbied during the entire debate (2 hours) on local legislation. The bill finally adopted reflected their every wish. 

TEXAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Preliminary Draft

Donaldson amend.

1 Sec. 12. LOCAL AND SPECIAL LAWS. (a) Except as expressly
2 authorized by this constitution, the legislature may not enact
3 a local or special law if a general law is or can be made
4 applicable. Whether a general law is or can be made applicable
5 is a question subject to judicial determination.

6 (b) The legislature may enact local laws granting discre-
7 tionary powers to cities, counties, and other political subdi-
8 visions. No bill may be passed under the authority of this
9 subsection unless notice of the intention to introduce the bill
10 has been given as provided by law in the locality affected.

11 Evidence that the notice was given shall be exhibited in the
12 legislature before the bill is passed.

13 *Compliance with*
this notice requirement is subject to judicial review.

14 (c) Add def. of local + special law

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16 5-4 not adopted because of lack of
17 *quorum*
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20 7-5 Adopted
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offer by Sub Committee set up to study this

AMEND CCP 1 by striking Section 12, Article III, and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

"Section 12. Local or Special Legislation.

"(a) When a general law is or can be made applicable, the Legislature shall pass no mandatory local law which applies to less than all cities or all counties or other like political subdivisions of the state. Whether a general law is or can be made applicable shall be a matter for judicial determination.

"(b) When a local law is enacted by the Legislature, the affected political subdivision or subdivisions of the state shall be named in the bill.

"(c) No local law shall be enacted unless notice of the intention to apply therefor shall have been published in the locality or localities where the matter or thing to be affected may be situated in a manner to be provided by law. The evidence of such notice having been published shall be exhibited in the Legislature before such act shall be passed.

"(d) The Legislature shall pass no special law."

T. J. Bled



AMENDMENT NO. _____

BY

Chapman

~~Ron Clower~~

Amend Proposal 1 by striking all of Section 12, Article III and substituting therefor the following:

~~The Legislature may not enact a local or special law if a general law is or can be made applicable.~~

Section 12. Local or Special Legislation.

a. No local or special law shall be enacted except as provided by law and only then if no general law ~~is~~ is or can be made applicable and ^{only} after due notice of intention to introduce such law shall have been published in the locality or localities where the matter or thing to be affected may be situated in a manner to be provided by law. The evidence of such notice having been published shall be exhibited in the Legislature before such act shall be passed.

b. When a local law is enacted by the Leg. they must name the political subdivision

tabled

Prayer moves to table

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Feb 26 7:00
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Work session
Committee activity (public hearing, etc.)

RECORD OF ACTIVITY (record all votes, resolutions, who testified, major points made, etc. continue on back and additional sheets when necessary)

Sec. 3 - Adopted

Art. III Sec. 8 (a) - adopted 12-0

(b) Rules of Procedure

Adams amend - change last sen. to Rules, once adopted, shall remain in effect until amended or repealed by 2/3 vote of each house of members present. - He doesn't want rules changed too easily as he is in favor of a "limited senacity system." Failed

Patman - doesn't want one Legislature binding the next one - therefore against Adams amend.

Patman amend - strike succeeding Leg. in last line and add "that Leg." Tabled

Davis and Adams spoke against Pat. amend - as they are both in favor of senacity system which Tabled

Sub sec(b) CRC prop. adopted 9-4

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Sec. 8

(C)

Clower moved - New sec. (C) - membership would appoint chairmanships rather than Speaker & Lt. Gov. Failed

Davis - said right now the membership has that power but doesn't exercise it

Parker - spoke against it (naturally) saying it would be an effective amend. in favor of lobbyist & special interests.

(C) CRC proposal as amended by Davis to read: "At the beginning '....' a president pro tempore who shall perform the duties of Lieutenant Gov. when the Lt. Gov. is absent '....' Passed

(d) Adopted CRC prop.

(e) Adopted [CRC prop. (f) ~~under~~ Sec. 8] $\frac{2}{3}$ of membership "...."

(f) "Each house shall prepare & publish a journal of its proceedings while in session. At the request of any 3 members present, the notes on any question shall be recorded in the journal." Passed 8-5

Davis spoke against it - saying it would become a show place for leg. to insert fancy speeches.

The 5 who voted against this were:
Blake, Davis, Henderson, Hillard, Potman

Sec 8(g) Adopted

(h) new sec. proposed by Clower ~~to~~ all committees to have the power of a dist. judge to subpoena & cite contempt of witnesses Failed 7-6

Geizer - motion to reconsider Sec 8 sub sec. (b) Rules of procedure - passed but the committee members were walking out & things were very confusing.

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Art. III Sec. 7 (b) on open proceedings

Clover amend. - Leg. should be open except executive sessions on confirmation of appt. He felt so many "character assassinations" occur in executive confirmation hearings that "good" people are not too anxious to go through. Tabled 9-8

Geizer amend. - didn't get a copy but the intent is everything open except those things excluded by open meetings law i.e., land acq., personnel, security etc. Passed 16-0

Sec. 7 (c) "Neither house may adjourn or recess for more than 10 days without the consent of the other while in regular or special session."
Passed 9-2

Sec. 7 (e) Special Sessions

Clover + Geizer talked about how important it was to have a time limit + a stated reason for a special session.

Geizer amend. - "Special sessions of the Leg. may be called by the Governor or by petition of $\frac{2}{3}$ of the membership of each house. A special session may not exceed 30 days duration + may consider

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only the matters contained in the Governor's proclamation or the membership petition.

Passed 11-0

Sec. 7 - Adopted

Art. III Sec. 3 (e) Dual office holding (Again!)

Ragsdale amend - would add as an exclusion "an employee of any political subdivision"

Hernandez - would add as an exclusion school teachers.

Weddell amend - more general language with out all the exclusions - she realized that her language would leave much up to interpretation by the A. G.

The committee generally wanted to open up membership in the legislature whilst at the same time prohibit conflicts of interest and dual compensation. They were unable to find language to do this without developing a long list of exceptions to dual office holding so they finally went back to CRC proposal.

— The CRC proposal with a slight amend. by Sherman (passed several days ago & I no longer have it) was finally agreed on.

Passed 8-4

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Feb 21, 1974

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13-19

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Work session

Committee activity (public hearing, etc.)

RECORD OF ACTIVITY (record all votes, resolutions, who testified, major points made, etc. continue on back and additional sheets when necessary)

Frank Elliott CRC member testified at the request of the committee on dual office holding Sec 3 - he says at present time the regulations on legislators holding dual offices are contradictory & confusing & that's why CRC included some specifics - he thinks CRC viewed a legislator as a professional full-time sort of position so they didn't brook the dual-office holding to include teachers, etc. - he feels this action needed in court to permit legislators to be in Not Grand, etc. - if they leave it out the A. Cr. that under the "separation of powers" this was not permissible - his subject will be taken up again on Tuesday Feb. 26.

The next subject considered was the Adams-Danaldson amendment on redistributing Sec. 5 (sub c) to remove ~~the~~ the words "one district" in line 16 & add one or more districts. The political maneuvering that went on in the next hour was unbelievable. Amendments were proposed, withdrawn, tabled, filibustered, etc. But when it was all over they went back to the original Adams-Danaldson amendment - adopted 12-8 Reyes, Henderson, Regalado spoke against it

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I was out of the room when Byington
amend. was adopted 11-2 on this Sec. 5 but
since there was no discussion couldn't have
been too important

- Davis proposed amend. to remove phrase
"on the pop. of a county insufficient to comprise
a dist," from Sec 5- subsection c. This
passed
- Clower introduced attached amendments.
They are a reinstatement of CK C
recommendations on a redistricting board
into the committee's working draft
- Patman prefers for the leg. to do it
themselves + Clower agreed but felt
an "af behind the door" was needed
- Parker says leave it out + that will
be an incentive for the leg. to do it
themselves
- Clower wants the make up of the board
specified in the constitution if there is
to be a board.
- Everyone agreed that the best way
was for the leg. to redistrict themselves
+ the discussion centered around how they
could provide the most incentive to do
this
- Reyes - pointed out that if you leave the
board out of the const. the federal courts
could redistrict ~~if they~~ that if the leg.
failed to do so + that was a better
"af behind the door."

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2-20-74
DATE

Sally L. Scott
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17 to 19 to 21-
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Noting on proposals.
Committee activity (public hearing, etc.)

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Clawer adoption of section 4 as amended passed 14-0.
They deleted the words (in the Constitution) adds flexibility.
section 3 postponed until tomorrow.

They voted down four year terms for representatives 12-5.
Section 5. a. Reyes motion to add wording to sec 5, a was
tabled 13-2. Clawer introduced his amendment for pod concept
substitute. This was tabled unanimously.

Davis presented an amendment on sec. B. which was tabled.
Reyes wanted last sentence on sec B deleted on contiguous
territory as being unnecessary. Challenged as being unconstitutional
motion withdrawn.

long discussion on Adams & Donaldsons amendment
to line 16 of sec 5, pt. C to strike words "one district" and
substitute "one or more districts". Adams wants this to
protect rural community of interests Davis, Reyes &
Henderson felt it opened to gerrymandering on racial lines.
motion tabled until 9:00 AM tomorrow.

OBSERVER COMMENTS:

I came in late - approx. 10:00 AM. so missed debate on
section 3. got info from another observer.

Sec. 5.
a.

AMENDMENT NO. _____

BY _____

Ron Clower

Tabled.

Amend Proposal No. 1 by adding the Subsections (e), (f), (g), and (h) to Section 5, Article III.

(e) A Legislative Redistricting Board shall be constituted within twenty days of August 15. The board shall consist of the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Attorney General, the Comptroller of Public Accounts, and the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

(f) If the Legislature fails to redistrict by August 15 or if its redistricting plan is declared invalid, the State shall be redistricted by the board. In the event of failure to redistrict, the board shall convene as soon as practicable after it is constituted. In the event the legislative redistricting plan is declared invalid, the board shall convene as soon thereafter as is practicable. The board shall make and file its redistricting plan with the Secretary of State within twenty-five days after its first meeting.

(g) If the board fails to complete its redistricting in accordance with the requirements of this Section, the Supreme Court of Texas shall have original jurisdiction to compel the board to perform its duties and may provide such remedies and penalties as may be appropriate.

(h) The board shall be dissolved immediately following the first general election held in accordance with a valid redistricting plan.

Reyes amendment after law add -
(line 3) "based upon data available from the census"
(sec. 5, a.) tabled,

B -

Davis - delete "as nearly as practicable" and insert
"as nearly as may be" as
tabled 18-3

Reyes - delete last sentence. on contiguous territory.

C -

adams & line 16 -
strike the words "1 dist" on line 16

Donaldson - substitute "one or more districts"

Sherman spoke in favor of it. Reyes moved to table this.
roll call vote motion 10 yes 11 no. fails

Adams wants to protect "Community of interest"

Davis disagreed - open for gerrymandering. Henderson
seconded Davis as this open for evil - racial lines.

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Feb. 19
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16-18
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Sec. 3

(c) In the general election following redistricting, a person shall be eligible to be elected to the Legislature from any new district that contains a part of the district in which that person was eligible for election on the effective date of the redistricting, but only if within 60 days after the date of the filing deadline that person becomes a resident of the new district.

→ This passed 11-2. This was after 2½ hours of debate. This ^{sub}section c is an exception to Sec. 3 subsection a+b (one year residency requirements). The ~~the~~ debate centered around when the person should have to move into the new district.

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Legislative :

Subcommittee on Local &

COMMITTEE Special Laws

2/18/74

DATE

P. Billingsley

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Geiger

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5: Davis, Clayton, Hernandez, Donaldson, Geiger

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Testimony from Robert Freeman, Texas Legislative Council at request of committee, re Art. 3: 56-57 (State cannot pass local laws except: [long list called laundry list])

Freeman emphasized that CRC provision would provide for judicial determination of whether a general law can be made applicable to local situation. Stated that problem of "bracket laws" will be same in his opinion. Would every local law have to go to court to be effected? No, history doesn't show this. Should language "local & special" be changed? No, tends to think not.

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6 Feb '74
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Geraldine Cook
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Robert Maloney
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12 - for short period of time
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General Testimony - Varied
Committee activity (public hearing, etc.)

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Relative to Article III - Section 3 - d
Joe Hernandez - Baylor Cty } Requesting this section be
Frank Madala - Baylor Cty } altered to allow Teachers to
Bill Coody - Parker Cty } serve as legislators simultaneously.
Coody stated all but 4 states make provisions of
exceptions for teachers.

Paul Raggsdal - Dallas - Why not include other government Employees.

Ron Clower - Dallas - Recommended deletion of the entire
Part (d) section.

- Bill Patman - Jackson - Relative to Article XVI, Section 11
of 1876 Constitution.

Believes this section should be kept in new constitution
as there is fear that such authority might be
delegated to some administrative agency in
the future and lead to loss of limitation on
interest rates.

Ron Clower - Dallas - Introduced proposal that legislature
also have power to grant reprieves, commutations, pardons,
remission of fines & forfeitures.

It was pointed out by Maloney that this would
interfere with Separation of Powers and infringe
upon the powers of the Executive.

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Bill Williamson - Smith Cty - Conservative toward special
sessions - preferred 4/5 vote of each house to call special session.
Recommended limiting power of speaker "honorary"
rather than political. Supports Salary Commission as a
necessity but uncertain about selection of members.

Observer Comment - Most productive & working meeting attended.

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Feb. 12, 1974 mon
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13-19
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Straw votes continued from yesterday:

Sec. 10 Conflict of Interest:

*CRC (10) However Poff is worried that
Sec 10, b. (1) might refer to cost of living
increases - he suggested emolument might
be qualified by a word like substantial or
a percentage*

Sec 10

Prop 23	Clayton	(6)
24	Reynolds	(1)
83	Denson	(5)
84	Denson	(3)
78	Mone	(7)
179	Ogg	(2)
253	Baker	(0)
267	Bock	(0)
248	Mengden	(4)

*Clower Amendment - with drawn to re word
Adams Amendment - Sec. 10, Sub d would
substitute the words elected or appointed
gov. official (11)*

(over)

OBSERVER COMMENTS

*"Amendments" were submitted too late
to be shown as proposals*

Straw Votes continued;

Sec. 11

CRC Proposal (12)

Proposal 54 (0)

179 Ogg (9)

253 Baker (1)

267 Bock (0)

300 Denton (3)

Sec. 12

CRC — (0) ★

Sherman asked what is judicial determination? How would the process work?

Proposal 75 Moore (0)

Posed { Sec 12 to consider the problems of local & special legislation + report back in a week
Committee: Sieger ch., Clayton, Hernandez, Davis, Donaldson

Sec 13 Impeachment

Questions raised same - should offenses be included? What does "preferred" mean?

CRC prop (14)

Prop 23 Clayton (0)

54 Reynolds (0)

179 Ogg (0)

198 Denton (1)

253 Baker (0)

267 Bock (0)

Clower Amendment - would put line of succession to Gov. back the old way & present way (11)

Sec 14

CRC (12)

Prop 54, 173, (0)

179, 253

Proposal 263 - Bock (4)

proposal 267 Bock (8)

Leg. continued
Feb. 12 noon
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Sec 15-

Minority Report - New Provision
(12)

Legis. ^{lotion} permitting special session by legis. tables
Proposal 43 Parker (11)
148 Reynolds (2)
254 Coleman (1)

Proposal 332 by Clower - would
give leg. power to issue pardons
& grant prison leaves for emergency
(10)

Amendment by Patman - which
would state the Leg. can fix
interest rates & cannot delegate
that authority to anyone else
(11)

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12-17!!!
Committee number present

Initiative & ref.
Committee activity (public hearing, etc.)

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1. Self. Lee - 268 (270 - senate & rep 4 people should be able to vote -
rep 4 senate some Davis - what about redistricting?
Horse - see 12 - add supreme ct. define general law etc.
2. Boel Temple - 10, 11 for initiative & ref - leave details to leg but
want number of percentages in const. article. good testimony - well
documented
Adams - bond? A. probably OK - Regs - bond in const.? A. No let leg. decide
(Clower has proposal too. Clower had geog. district - Temple
excludes appropriations)
Henderson - would business & advertising be started to get petitions
signed (25¢/signature etc) A. impractical - easier for leg.
Hernandez - would death penalty be re-instated - minority's be put down (Calif)
A. generally used to enhance minority rights
Seoggin - what about emotional issues - 55 mph etc. money issues etc.
Palman - time period for signatures? A. NO 12 year period for signatures?
percentages up to 15% for const. amendments etc. stat. measure 10% let
legislature set between 10% + 15%
3. Dean Page/Kerton - against int. & ref. - because it restricts power of leg.
leg. is selected for purpose - has time to deliberate issues - small % of
voters can mess with emotional issues - opposed to easy amending process
that places majority in position to oppress minority 2. oppose legislation
by init & ref. - so can have deliberation, debate etc. so way people can be
informed.
Hernandez - local & special leg in const.? A. allow amendments to this purpose
Davis - should it be difficult? A. Very Davis - should get A.G. opinion on
something to make sure referendum is not unconst. what about indirect?
* people put to leg - leg acts - back to people - Kerton approves this over direct
Palman - leg can repeal unwise legislation passed by people.

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Ragsdale has not made up his mind
Clayton - leg. can over react - will people be same way - A. yes
Clayton has mixed feelings, too - what about AFE-CID, TSTA etc.
Brynn - wants Jesse Durbin from Calif, Bebot, etc to come talk to comm
more anti discussion
adjourn to 2:00 Monday for work session

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*What strikes one is the trust each
branch has in the others*

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Clayton Sec 12 Art 3 - legislative determination rather than judicial

Davis - initiative - general not specific

10% - Statute

15% - Constitutional

geographical breakdown for general
interest in proposal

bonds in general law to ensure bona fide efforts so expense
of verification not borne by voters

Patman - %age of votes cast or voters who voted?

Clower - Proposal for recall initiative & referendum - detailed
to another com

10% of votes for highest office of political subdivision
no more than 40% from one county extends to all levels of govt
wants to campaign for revision being able to point to voters ability
to get rid of what they don't want

Adams - wants bonding provision!!!

Reyes - redistricting eliminate P.O.D. use present system

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Leg redistricting bd as now - leave out gov + new prop
deviation of no more than 5%

Adams - kept away from the courts

Ragsdale - opposed P.O.D.

Patman - get rid of Leg Bd then perhaps Leg would act for fear
judicial will get to redistrict

Adams - redistrict on basis of philosophy, interests not minority groups?

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Clower

proposal of requiring verbatim report of what goes on on floor of both houses. Let the voters know what their representatives are saying

Patman - \$\$ - thinks maybe better way to spend their money

Brynun - agrees with Clower

325

too much power in too few hands - wants leg. accountable to voters

Chm+

Adams -

Brynun - Com. of whole in hse. unwieldy
wants things statutory

Adjourned at 4

Maloney very jealous of his "Chair" re Patman. Patman baits him by not waiting to be recognized.

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Public & delegates proposals - Initiative, Referendum

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1. Olga Mae Heckman - Beaumont - AAUW - for in, ref. & recall
exempt emergency procedures and appropriations - recall 25-30%

* Recall to general provisions; Initiative & ref - Legislative

Bynum is really opposed to the whole idea - & gives that impression →

* Adams Q - what about posting bond to pay for costs if signatures are not valid?

A - yes

Blake Q - what about petitions to leg & get laws passed

Davis - 10% stat. 15% constitutional amendments; 1/2 - 2/5 prop.
distribution

2. Hanzy ^{proposal} - every citizen be able to run for leg. no age limit

3. Beverly Van Sickleland - Bellaire - self; is on city council - for intwe, ref.

4. Virgil Hancock - Bellaire - businessman; for int & ref.

Bellaire had trouble with own city govt. because state had no position on int & ref. (Hancock v. State) lost case in supreme court

Henderson Q - was city council defeated A. NO

Hernandez Q - does state have statutes? A. NO (lots of legal stuff about court jurisdictions - city v. state v. etc.) get legislature to pass statute

5. Catherine Wolfe - Bellaire - self - teacher govt in high school - atty. for int. & ref.

* Peterson - how many states have it? what was last state? A. 23-24, Alaska

Q - should post bond? A. NO, don't complicate it

Scoggins - are we going back to old forum type of govt. (doesn't like it much) int. & ref)

legislative process is good enough

Blake - recall can be harassment to leg. without opponent

Perger - bond is too difficult; no special elections

A - maybe charge petitioners with fraud if petitions are invalid

Reynolds - 143 - limit on legislation - spend funds on political subdivision
get out of local & special bill business (force local subdivisions to spend their own money)

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Reynolds - can't vote with bond option? in leg - doesn't want restriction in constitution

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Wengden III sec. 10 - proposal → delete 9 words in sub. B
Harris Co. during term increase in pay - can't run for higher office etc. wants to be able to have cost of living increase OK.
not have to resign to run for public office - senator in mid-term

Moore - Bryan - proposal - 10 art. III; strikes out of paragraph F. is already statute - some judges will & some won't.

Moore Harris Co. feels sec. F is covered by statute, HB264
thinks continuances etc. should be statutory.

Gene Denton - Waco - keep sec. 9 wants privilege from arrest in court during session -

proposal 321 - leg. contempt - he is for it.
299 special session not restricted - call self into session. rej. each house override gov. veto - appropriations come early before lg. goes home
proposal 198 - impeachment 2/3? cost tell he wants or doesn't.

proposal - draw straws to be in house or senate! each person represent district →

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Patten - Legislative Council - redistricting -
not for or against P.O.D. can see advantages for council
work involved drawing districts - advise members of council
of population etc.

Clower - did Lt. gov & gov. draw lines & other members go along?
A. No

Clower - if council were larger would it be better?
A. depends on individual members and their strength of leadership

Raydale - would P.O.D. help block & Brown rep.? A. don't know

Patten - only statistics are population - not race, sex, age etc
should be spelled out more clearly in Const. P.O.D. or not.

disadvantages - house & senate both have to approve - difficult to
get complete accord. P.O.D. simplest for council

Davis - what happens in conf. committee - could be a mess in conf.
committee.

adjoin because ~~Clower~~ Maloney's father in law died

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each house.

And Rep. Richard Reynolds of Richardson suggested that the legislature convene itself in special session only with a four-fifths vote of the membership of each house.

He criticized Coleman's "simple majority" requirement, saying it would "lead to nothing but chaos."

The committee also heard from former Meridian Sen. J.P. Word, now an Austin attorney.

He urged them to leave the power of calling special sessions solely in the hands of the governor, where it is now.

"If the legislature is given the authority to call itself into special session . . . I think you'll be in continual session," Word said.

He also urged a provision to allow the legislature to fix its own salaries, and not to establish a salary commission to set pay limits.

Rep. Hilary Doran of Del Rio, who is not seeking re-election, took the opposite tack. He wanted legislative salaries fixed in the constitution — at \$14,000 annually (they are presently \$4,800 a year).

Legislative

Variations on the theme of legislative sessions were presented by convention delegates to their colleagues on the Legislative Committee Tuesday.

Several ideas dealt with special sessions. Rep. Ron Coleman of El Paso told committee members that he is proposing that a simple majority of members of each house be able to call themselves into special session.

Rep. Carl Parker of Port Arthur and Sen. Ron Clower of Garland both wanted to allow legislature-called special sessions on petition of two-thirds of the members of

have set up annual sessions, varying mostly in details of length and topics that could be considered.

The most detailed was from Rep. Bob Davis of Dallas. He would provide for a 10-day organizational session in January of each even-numbered year, then a two-month recess followed by a 140-day session.

In odd-numbered years, he proposed the legislature meet to consider fiscal matters, legislation submitted by the governor and bills submitted by standing legislative committees. —RICK FISH

To "sell" the higher salary to voters, he recommended cutting the size of the House to 100 members from the present 150.

The committee also heard a variety of proposals on session length — proposals that indicate many delegates favor annual sessions.

Even Sen. W.T. Moore of Bryan said, though he "personally" didn't like annual sessions because he didn't like to come to Austin, he could accept a regular session in even-numbered years of 140 days in length, and a brief budget session in odd-numbered years of 30 to 60 days.

Several proposals would

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Geraldine Cook

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Robert Mabrey

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13 - for a very short time

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Adjourned @ 3 PM - Plans to continue hearings remainder of week & start writing Monday after Rules Established.

Rep. Hilary Dean of El Paso - wanted legislative salaries fixed at \$4,000 annually + compensatory by reducing size of House to 100 members. Feasibility of fixing any explicit salary figures in the constitution questioned by Rep. of San Antonio.

Rep. Bob Davis read his proposal for annual sessions #41. Each year to convene 2nd Tuesday in March - Odd numbered years not to exceed 140 days: Even numbered years not to exceed 90 days with limited considerations (1) Budgets, appropriations & revenue bills (2) Bills raised by standing committees - other House (3) emergency matter submitted by Governor. An additional 10 days to convene 2nd Tuesday in January after their election for organization session elect its officers & standing committees but transmit no business.

Rep. Ron Clower - Dallas - submitted proposal of 326 granting right of legislature to call self into special session upon a petition signed by 2/3 members each house, acting separately. This in addition to authority of Governor and note the substitute for that authority.

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Opponents for discussion - stated this might make legislature subject to pressure groups that would keep them in session all the time or under such pressure all the time. Discussion limited - Most Delegates left by 2³⁰ PM and meeting adjourned at 3 PM.

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Don Adams (Chmn. Pro tem)
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19 (in + out - some just walked thru)
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John Bear, member of Common Cause but not an official representative, spoke of his interest in Art. 3, Sect. 5, subs. a, c + d (districting).

Myrd POD system: simpler, easier citizen identification, lower administrative costs, more opportunity to adjust size. Recommended starting with House Districts + then molding Senate Dist.; this protects integrity of community. A dist. should have only one city or county.

Reaction from comm. mbers seemed to be that POD system would create problems - House + Senate wouldn't agree + then Board would end up redistricting. — Comm. adjourned until 3pm to see if others might come to testify — none

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convened again.

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Mr. Fred Hueller - City Councilman, Port Arthur, Texas

Mr. Wykoff - City Attorney, Port Arthur, Texas

Relative to Article III Section 12 C.C.R. Document
Article IX - Section 36 - 1976 Constitution language

Requested that more specific terms be used relative to the "Legislature making no laws pertaining to city government or make assessments of city government or monetary expenditures without providing monies needed to implement the law."

Interview by request of Committee
Mr. Freeman - Legal Staff Texas Legislative Council
Committee seeking possible interpretations of Section 12.
Seems to be unresolved doubts relative to semantics & general terminology of statement.

Alternatives recommended:

① Prohibit special local laws except where general not applicable.

② Delete from Constitution

③ Qualify - sections which prohibit certain types by classification.

No conclusion discussed.

Final Witness - Dewitt Hale - Nueces County Representative

① Concern regarding Section 9 - Not inclusive enough.

stated he thought legislative section could not be written in general terms but must be more detailed!!

② Asked for requirement of public notice required & enforced for local and/or special bills.

③ Asked that local bills designated by name rather than nebulous population bracket description which can change & hence law illegal & not applicable.

④ State that no General Law may be amended to become a local bill.

Observer Comment: Attitudes of all witnesses & committee was one of anxiety relative to general terminology. They are looking themselves to explore with specific detail - Restrictive?

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1. Bill Gardner - citizen for better Leg. former
Editor of Hantsport Post.

Sec. 10 - most important section in whole constitution
re-build public trust

^{Sherman}
^{Hutchinson} Q Sec. 10 F - word "~~solely~~" should be left in?

thinks wording
on C needs
changing
A. yes, like flexibility

Q Sec 10-C - would public interest preclude action
life insurance co's etc.

A - No, not necessarily;

Q - should person take part in debate

A. if everyone knows where he stands why not?

Q Bynum - are you for pay comm? should it be separate to voters

A. don't think enough opposition to ^{make} ~~change~~ voters reject court.

Q should it be Salary, Ethics comm.?

A. No, it will have enough to do as is for part-time comm.

Q 10 d, how to resolve problem of lawyers + firms vs. ad agency

and firm - agency can't do any ad. for any state agency public schoolsst

clayton - Q new wording on 10c will you help us? Farmer, can I
vote on ranch or farm legislation?

Davis - section 10 describes no penalties - Gardner should be
statutory

d. should apply to ex and judicial branch, too,

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Jawors

Q. leg. continuance - will judge be critical for granting continuance if it is given for good reason.

A. Law is OK as in - passed last session

Handerson

see B - prevents half senate from running for ^{higher} office in next election. what to do about it? would you object to wording change?

A. No.

Weddingstone

Q section of. put "except as provided by law" in there. is it really constitutional material?

A. yes because it has been controversial for so long

Heilbrich

Q voting rights - has been criticized for illegal votes -

A. Not really a problem

Wolf

Q did you take a position on Ethics comm - A. No

clayton

Q see d. contract with state - bid on surplus property considered to be contract with state?

A. contracts to sell to state rather than buy.

Q you are on board of charitable institution who bids for surplus.

2. Harry Hubbard - AFL-CIO - single member districts - support want in const. because of accessibility, cost etc. - an. sessions pay raise etc.

thinks should apply to school boards, city council etc

Adams

Q-POD? A. simple single member house, single member senate (not AFL-CIO opinion - Harry's own opinion)

Reyer

- lower no of house? should be in const. A. No - not good

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1. Hugh Sidney Bodley - U.T.
act III
Sec 8g - wants added committee reports to published documents
so as to have clear idea of legislative intent
would cost approx. \$200,000 per year
2. Mr. P.C. Farquar - Adamsville, TX Farm Bureau Lampson Co.
represents self.
 - a. wants a detailed const. salaries, laws etc!(committee was fascinated - maybe the first time they heard it)
 - b. basic education - as teachers etc.
 - c. right to work in const.
 - d. basic welfare in const.
3. Buck Wood - common cause - Austin
wants initiative & referendum in const. - percentage of pop. & types of legislation covered.
debate on fixed amount % in const. - should leg. set?
- * (Seagins of El Paso doesn't like it much - why?)
4. Strickland - atty. Baptist faith & life comm.
annual sessions, salary raises

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1. Leg. comm. not particularly interested in this - feel should be in house rules

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Harold Hammett representing St. Jo. Bar. wants legislative salary out of Constitution - separate salary commission. Support increase in salaries.

Q. Geiger - ~~what is~~ your position on Salary Commission^{to} set salary of Gov & members of Judiciary

A. no objections

Q. position on salary supplement on judges? prohibited -

A. Should not be in Constitution. not sure salary equality is advisable. need to see if unified judicial system is adopted.

Q. Geiger - you feel voters should have the choice correct? yes.

Q. Byrnes ^{we} agree, money on a ballot almost always gets voted down - ~~Plurists~~ agree salaries should not be in Legislature - need a compromise so Legislators would not abuse & set own salary.

Q. Haddock - everyone has come up saying they were in favor of Amend. 7 then how come it failed? el

Q. Donaldson - would you want us to have annual sessions. A. yes. we are for Leg. having greater control on frequency & length of sessions.

Q. Donaldson what about conflicts of interest?

A. This is rough. Donaldson feels these 3 are definitely tied together (special interests, salaries & length of sessions). If this were all enacted w/ 4800 salary his wife would have difficulty eating -

Asks about supplemental salary for County judges. what reasons?

A. left up to local option. # of cases etc. Feels salaries should be uniform

Q. Patterson - less than 10% of people voted. Don't you feel a large turnout would pass pay raises & a constitution.

A. Harris Co. more sympathetic. Historically do pay raises.

Q. Patterson - problem - legislator week. not pay enough, meet too infrequently. cannot devote enough time needs strengthening. lessens effectiveness. by having to make a living on the side.

Q. by ~~Ed~~ ^{Adams} - clarifying stand (he came in late)

Q. Scoggins - alternative if you vote for annual sessions then the Leg. will have right to set salary not to exceed X ammt. Do you think this would go? A. The public is

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careful about money.
And in favor of maintaining pay as you go plan.

Q. Hilliard - why in favor of 45 day limit instead of 60? - should not be in Constitution

Chandler - small farmer - represents himself.
Texan by choice. distrust, fear, too much regulatory power.

Voter education needed for higher salary.

No per diem, flat realistic salary. Biannual sessions
Chair - what is your opinion of a reasonable salary

A. \$15,000

Bynum - questioned Bi-annual session reasoning.

Chair - sometimes we overproject & appropriate too much.

Hard to do it for 2 1/2 yrs. in advance.

A. Then you're not a farmer.

Q are more regulatory procedures needed. A. no.

11 ~~George~~ Bill Abington, Dallas - Multipurpose Gas & oil Trade Ass.
pro - annual sessions. His group has paid 700 million in state
taxes most regulated industry. We do not want continuous
sessions of leg. Continue bi-annual of 180 days & annual sessions
for fiscal matters of 60 days.

Q Bynum - Do you feel your group will support the final product
(new Constitution)?

A. It depends - while we will probably not agree on everything
I am hopeful we can support it.

Seiger - for flexibility of time.

Ragsdale - what if other matters came up other than fiscal matter
feels Leg. should have power to call itself in session when needed.
should not be time limitations of # of days in Const.

Q Blake - opinion of Abington - clarified that he, himself was a former
legislator -
Budgetary procedures need improving

7 Paul Coburn (missionary), pol. science major - student. Wants an
elastic clause ^{in Const.} - favors an awarding of powers of leg. wants
document consistent. ~~than~~ wants to know what is an impeachable
offense. wants extraneous matters omitted

Q Seiger - couldn't the citizenry change outdated statutes by initiative

A. yes, but they don't. likes recall

Q Seiger w/ 2 yr. ~~terms~~ we now have effective recall in effect.

Burnard -

Mr Newman - represents himself. Falls Co. Texas - Looks like farmer
Equal opportunity for all - gripes about Gov. record keeping &
regulatory agencies harassment.

Q Bynum - wants more legislative authority over the 250
some agencies. should "serve as ambassador between
agencies & citizens w/ complaints.

A. I'm somewhat scared of too much Government.

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- Delegate Reynolds: feels delegates + especially committees should be using old const. as amended as the working doc. not the CRC proposal
- he has submitted Proposal (S-4) which is an entire doc. prepared by Texas Admin. Comm. on Intergovernmental Relations. It simplifies old const. - rewords it + reorganizes it (cuts out 35,000 words) There is no substantive change from old const.
 - Under questioning he admitted he would not endorse whole doc. + would like to see the following changes:
 - 140 day session every other year + a 60 day session on the off years
 - no law should be passed by leg which would req. funds to be spent by ~~the~~ pol. sub. unless the political subdivision agrees
 - special session - 4/5 vote of leg. could call them selves into session (over)

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Nobody on committee seemed too impressed by Reynolds idea + were surprised at how pessimistic he is about the voters passing a new const.

Regonelo continued :

- he feels jud. comm. will throw out most of CRC doc.
- Says if CRC doc. presented to states it would be "crushed"
- thinks any substantive change to come out of convention that doesn't have about 90% agreement among delegates will + must be submitted as a separate item to vote on.

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Steven Hardasty, San Antonio, "Involved Texans" spoke for Initiative, Referendum + Recall. Texas Bill of Rights' article 1, sect 2 empowering the people needs I.R. + R. to implement the article. ② His group has collected over 1 million signatures on petition asking Leg. to pass I.R. + R. ③ Said 27 states have Init. + R. ④ San Ant. has it, Houston. ⑤ Of 32 changes in Arkansas Constitution, 18 from I.R. ⑥ Agrees with Diboll's drafted I + R provision.

Committee wasn't always attentive + two or three were hostile. Were they threatened?

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Sen. Clower - Vice chairman
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Citizen Conrad Dupree - Business Consultant H.W.

- came to speak for taxpayers !! ? ?
- ~~tax~~ taxpayers want more voice - not more taxes as evidenced by last vote on raises & annual sessions.
- likes Bill of Rights
- he thinks people don't want professional law makers - he says career politicians should be in executive dept. & should be paid well - but legislators should be "just people" part time leg., and their salaries not raised above present amount
- he thinks leg. body should provide "balance of power" and says they can do this by meeting once every 10 years!!!!

I assume you know what else he said - the important thing is that although the committee generally was unimpressed by him they were not hostile in questioning him.

In questioning Davis said he felt the leg. has an obligation to check on the Executive for the proper execution of law - Davis doesn't want full-time sessions

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In spite of the fact the first witness was a "hook" he was not badgered - after he left Vice Chair Clower let out an emotional outburst about the witness & later apologized for what he had said.

Problem - No more than 6 people ^(over) most of the time.

Bynum pointed out to Dupree that only rich people would be able to be Rep. + cited turnover figure in Leg. now as an indication of the ~~people~~ problem.

Next was
Citizen Joe Minor - Austin attorney running for House

Says Texas needs new const.
but don't jeopardize it by including
Salary commission as the people have
spoken - no raises + no annual sessions
He wants old pay scale set in
new const.

He was questioned on this + several
other points but doesn't seem to have
studied other matters carefully + was
hesitant to commit himself to anything else.

Next was

Citizen Steven Camp - 18 yr. old

- says if 18 yr. olds are legal adults
+ have the right to vote they should be
able to run for Rep. He would set
figures for Senators at 21 as he
thinks the public wants an age diff.
here + would accept this.

Maloney - says he hasn't made up
his mind yet on this issue.

observed
Comments Cent.

Ragsdale seems very receptive to "liberal"
ideas - I wonder if his KVV cultivates him?

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Nancy Holmes spoke for league in favor of annual sessions and adequate salaries; removal of salary amts from constitution, one man one vote, open meetings

Bynum -

Davis - constitutional vs statutory

Poff - why did annual sessions + pay increase amendment fail need for money to educate public of need for these

Bynum

? wants League to stomp the state

Parker -

Davis - complete document submission

Scoggins -

Maloney - origin of budget Gov. of Leg? Mrs. replied with league position

Davis - Lt. Gov's powers Gov + Lt Gov running as a team
Poff

R.B.B. importance of being in on first draft of budget

Bynum suggest combination budget board

open meetings - private vote public vote lays the
nays open to rebuttal
Woff -

Do we have positions on
OBSERVER COMMENTS

Maloney - Leg. calling itself into session
? - initiative, recall elections
? - conflict of interest

League of Women Voters of Texas
OBSERVER FORM

Legislature
COMMITTEE
January 24/1974
DATE
Lindsey
OBSERVER

Maloney
Presiding Officer

8-12
Committee number present

Public Hearing
Committee activity (public hearing, etc.)

RECORD OF ACTIVITY (record all votes, resolutions, who testified, major points made, etc. continue on back and additional sheets when necessary)

August Spain - Prof Emeritus of ICU(?) Govt Dept
(opening lecture of Astro Gov't!)

unicameral; proportional Rep; minorities representation.
desirable feels single member districts do not help minorities.
Pro rep. is better seems to include Republicans among minorities.
Favored alternatives for electorate in Constitution.

1st round budget prep - Gov. budget efficient. Mr Davis took issue.
Ag Sp - Gov balance off competing claims - give balance & proportion
better than horse trading between legislatures

Gov given too much veto power in C. Gov. - Davis could be
said Ag Sp.

Davis - line item veto curbs pork barreling

? Govt to understand? Ag Sp - legislator has moral obligation to do
what is right regardless of its effect on his reelection

Ag Sp in favor of getting statutory stuff out of constitution

Chas. Coltrane ACLU Prof Govt St Marys U San Antonio
Art III sec 5 a+b endorses CRC draft

sec 2 - change to no ceiling

Synum wants ceiling and wants to lower # in house + raise # in
senate

OBSERVER COMMENTS Weddington arrived at 3

Heizer - (very hostile)

Davis - I lost track

Mr Reyes - reduction of # of representatives would deprive
minorities

Wobles
Leg. comm.
Jan 24 - 10:00 A.M.

Maloney - chm.

16 present

Public Test -

Liby Coruth - Austin represents comm. of semi
U.I.P's in Austin - all retired from press, U.T.
Research League etc. meet monthly in people's homes

1. agree with all of art. III, ~~1~~
al Burger - leg. compensation - should be
more restrictive - agree with section 6
* (leg. committee is kinda fed with this - polite
attention)

Section 7 article ⁽⁶⁾ on salary comm - wants
salary comm to set only leg. salaries - let
leg. handle judges etc. as they do now
"other duties" be limited to compensation matters
does not want scope of salary comm. to be
expanded at all

2 stagger appointments 3 every 3 years

3 serve without compensation but be reimbursed

4 hear testimony from agencies etc

5. public knowledge & wide coverage necessary

Q Glower - polls from public on sal. comm. & pay?
Burger A. No polls, but talk to friends

Glouster roll of his delegation - Dallas & some
countries 78% for higher pay 50% for same service
Parker - how can we convince public?

Burger - P.R.

Parker - cost 250,000 to send const. to state
and much VIP support. would your committee
raise that much money.

Burger - we'll do all we can

Parker - reimburse for actual expenses?

(THIS IS A CONSTANT THEME IN ALL HIS QUESTIONS - SEE
OTHER LEG. ~~SESS~~ COMM. SESSIONS.) WHAT DOES HIS CONST. SAY?)

Burger - ^{sup.} commission should look realistically
at salaries & per diem & mileage etc.

Poff Q - my poll 75% 25% - should there be const.

control over salaries 75% 25% yes - admit
need more pay but want control by people.

fear that after first big increase that it will
go on.

Burger - Wisconsin - cost of living increase

Poff - broad based instead of U.I.P.?

Burger - get to have people who state respects

Wisconsin sets guidelines for gov. people & comm.

~~Q. 11 -~~

Same?

Vernon McGeer - also from Burgess group

1. annual sessions over simplified - can be ~~fixed~~ fixed in that way
 - a. improve committee structure - standing committees are good.
 - b. need regular professional staff for standing comm.
 - c. leg. have power to meet prior to session to study bills etc
2. leg. be able to call itself into session
governor, too, but ↑
3. session limits specified in the constitution
"congress would example of legislative body"
4. if no session limits - put off decisions until they become crises

Poff - how to keep agencies from bothering people when he's ~~in~~ not in session

McGeer - need strong exec. to control agencies - give gov. power to reorganize agencies

Weddington = SHOWED HER CONCERN AGAIN ON CONFLICT OF INTERESTS SECTION; SHE IS BOTHERED BY "MEMBER OF A FIRM BEFORE STATE AGENCIES"

Patman - reduction veto?

McGeer - gov. power to execute budget with guidelines by leg. recommend middle course - gov. not as strong as U.S. president.

Byrum - wants leg. to be able to call itself in
session to override gov's veto on
appropriation

proposed - structure committee
- 100% in session
- 100% in session
- 100% in session

1. Leg. has power to call itself into session
to study bills etc.

2. Leg. is able to call itself into session
to study bills etc.

3. session limits specified in the constitution
"legislative body"

4. if no session limits - but if session until then
legislative body

5. Leg. has power to call itself into session
to study bills etc.

6. Leg. has power to call itself into session
to study bills etc.

7. Leg. has power to call itself into session
to study bills etc.

8. Leg. has power to call itself into session
to study bills etc.

9. Leg. has power to call itself into session
to study bills etc.

10. Leg. has power to call itself into session
to study bills etc.

11. Leg. has power to call itself into session
to study bills etc.

League of Women Voters of Texas
OBSERVER FORM

Legislature
COMMITTEE
1/23/74
DATE
N. Holmes
OBSERVER

Maloney
Presiding Officer

Quam
Committee number present

Hearing.
Committee activity (public hearing, etc.)

RECORD OF ACTIVITY (record all votes, resolutions, who testified, major points made, etc. continue on back and additional sheets when necessary)

Davis — wants 10 d moved to General Prov.
To include all elected + appointed ^{officer} employees.

Dr. Bill Crane — Pol. Sci. Prof. ST. Marys in S.A.
(passed a membership delegation by 1st name)

Proposed 2 changes — 1 addition.

Change ① Sec. 3 w/change age to qualify for House + Senate
to 18 — (I had to leave)

2:00

Dr. Crane —

Change ② Sec. 12 — Local or Sp. Leg. would prefer leg determination
instead of Judicial. "Don't Tie your hands".

Hilliard (Tarrant Cty) agrees w/Crane To strike the
last sentence.

Wants inclusion of → ^{of Leg.} Rt. to call itself into Spec. Session.
in Sec. 7-E
after long — explanation of ex-leg branch. out of balance.

Crane Thinks Ex. (according to Commis. Draft) is now more
powerful than leg.

OBSERVER COMMENTS

John Hanborough - rep. self. ret. Army Col. + Prof. of

Opposed Leg. acting as Delegs To Con. ^{ST. Eds.} Can.

Hopes they will rise above "petty politics". ^{DAVIS ASKED FOR DEFINITION}

Present Court - Says what Govt can do -

The proposed one says what Govt can't do.

Peo. of Texas do not think their Govt - Today - like 1876

Proposed Con. changed for the sake of Change

Present C. is living - Functioning Viable. Polit. Document.

most of changes that reduce its size could have been done by amendments.

^{Hanborough} Disappointed with art. of Revision Comm. - They removed limiting provision ⁱⁿ (Leg. Salaries.)

Both House + Sen. are too large - sh/he

1 Sen = Cong. Dist. 1 Rep. for 125,000 - up to 100

then 150,000 (nearly 100 numb.)

Leg. meet 1 every 2 yrs. Favor Single Memb. Dist.

League of Women Voters Observer Form

Legislature
COMMITTEE
11/12/74 (Fri. 7 PM.)
DATE
Marian Scott
OBSERVER

Malony
Presiding Officer

8
Committee number present

testify - no public show
committee Activity (public Hearing, etc.)

RECORD OF ACTIVITY FOR DATE _____
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who testified, etc. continue
on back and additional sheets
when necessary)

Members Present
Chow ① More testify meeting till 10:00 am 19th.

Blobe ?
Bynum ?
Glizer
Henderson
Patman
Sherman
Supper
Widdington
Wolf

② Suggest that testimony meetings be
suspended because of no response.
Legislature disappointed with no public
concern.

They suggest they go on with the
Constitution as they see fit.

(OVER)

OBSERVERS COMMENTS:

no public show to testify, meeting
at tomorrow morning to see if anyone will
show then.

There was a general feeling of disgust by
no public turnout.

League of Women Voters of Texas
Observer Form

Leg.
COMMITTEE
Jan 22 - 2:00
DATE
N. Holmes
OBSERVER

Maloney
Residing Officer
18

Committee number present

Hearings
Committee activity (public hearing, etc.)

RECORD OF ACTIVITY (record all votes, resolutions, who testified, major points made, etc. continue on back and additional sheets when necessary)

Del. Dammage (Chmn. of Gen. Provisions) has introduced a measure to reduce age requirement for House to 18 — Senate to 23.
Argued 18 for House = voting age House is most representative today — stressed repeatedly that the support of the public opinion in the election is still the determining factor — as to whether an 18 yr. old would actually serve.

Del. Clayton —
Would Chg. Composition to have floor of
"never less than 30 for Sen — nor 90 for House."
Redistricting — Clayton would want
"pod" Theory — "within a Senatorial Dist."
Sessions — adds that Spec. Sess. can
be called by 2/3 vote of Leg.
Thinks ^{provision of} Sec. 8 shld be moved to Rules —
Prefers — Old Const. wording for Leg. Immunity
Conflict —

OBSERVER COMMENTS:

Maloney
residing officer

14 at 10:10
Committee number present

Hearing
Committee activity (public hearing, etc.)

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★ Mike McManigal Asst. to the Pres. Texas Farmers Union
see under lined portions of attached sheet.
- his ^{establishing} afraid a salary commission won't do the trick to raise leg. pay as the public is upset right now over per diem

Committee members concerned on future court interpretations of some of the CRC document - today they were especially concerned about Art III, Sec 12a)

★ Mayor Wes Wise (Dallas) Rep. Texas Municipal League
+ City of Dallas spoke & answered questions

- they were concerned about Art III Sec. 12
- they agree no local law should be enacted if a general law is applicable

★ - but granting rare exceptions they feel no local law should be mandatory - but permissive

★ - they want plenty of ^{public} notice when the leg. is considering the passage of local or special leg. - everyone involved should be notified & the ^(over)

OBSERVER COMMENTS:

McManigal was questioned by Donaldson on how his membership had arrived at their positions - perhaps LWV should give brief statement to each committee on how we arrive at our position during their testimony

Legislators in & out constantly again & often inattentive - No more than 10 are constantly present and attentive (over)

information should include a price tag.
then hearings should be held so local gov.
can provide plenty of input. They are
suggesting that Sec 12 be expanded on,
as the CRC proposal leaves too much
latitude.

They feel the Leg. should provide money
when they pass Leg. requiring funds. The
responsibility & Authority should be in the
same place

In other Words:

Local Gov. shouldn't be put in the position
of having to raise funds to meet an
obligation or law which was passed by the
leg. not them selves

Comments continued:

Sherman is a just - most likeable
Don Adams sharp, concerned & very
attentive - asks excellent questions

— Obviously Art. III Sec. ~~11~~ 12 very
complex subject - going to be hard to
word, even though there may well be
general agreement on concepts involved

*picked up
by Jan Albers
Jan 21*

STATEMENT BY MIKE McMANIGAL, ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
TEXAS FARMERS UNION
BEFORE THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, 1974

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Legislative Committee, my name is Mike McManigal; I am Assistant to the President of Texas Farmers Union. Our membership is composed of commercial family farmers who are concerned with the quality of future legislative bodies.

With the quality and professionalism of future legislators uppermost in our minds, we have the following recommendations which we think would contribute most effectively to future problem-solving legislative sessions. We recommend annual sessions of the legislature, as well as higher legislative pay. We feel that more pay is necessary if we are to continue getting the caliber of legislators necessary to do the job effectively.

Our members are also in favor of single-member legislative districts. We feel that the representative should be directly responsible to a certain constituency and that through this responsibility we will have more effective government.

Our members strongly feel that future legislative bodies should have the authority to call themselves into special session by two-thirds vote of the members of each House. Had we had this authority, the 63rd Legislature would have already convened twice this year, once to face the critical energy crisis and attempt a solution before the problem got out of hand and to consider the deteriorating condition of our school finance program. We feel that no longer can the State with its complex problems afford to rely strictly upon the judgment of any single individual to call the legislature into session.

Our members would like to see all meetings for government business continue to be open to the public and they are agreeable to reducing the minimum age qualification for senators to twenty-five years and for representatives to eighteen years in light of the right to vote of eighteen-year-olds.

We think the Lieutenant Governor's power to debate or vote should be exercised only in the case of a tie.

Our members do not believe that it is in the best interest of the people of this state to increase the Senate membership above thirty-one nor the House membership above one hundred fifty-five

We strongly favor providing constitutional guarantees for initiative referendum recall processes to the voters of this State.

We think this was a serious deficiency in the Constitutional Commission recommendation.

Our members strongly favor giving future legislatures the authority to tax alternative sources of revenue for State funding such as a corporate profits and a natural resources tax. It is our feeling that the State Sales Tax has brought in about all the revenue that it should and that alternatives should now be sought.

Our members do not feel that future legislative bodies should require increases in local government expenditures unless supplemental appropriations to those local government bodies are provided to cover the required expenditures.

Oct. Jan 19
Leg. Comm.
Nobles

Maloney chm.

15 present

Public Hearings

Mrs. Harry Kier - San Antonio - represent self (ran for leg. 2 years ago)
single member districts - legislators not

responsible to whole community

annual sessions - want

salaries - want an increase

Q - Wolf - should be open ended - or what

A - should meet minimum of 6 months

Wolf - leg. meet annually but let them decide whether to meet 180 or close early

Q - Clayton - what is reasonable approach to salary for leg.

A - \$15,000 or so (but no real suggestion as to how to do it)

Q - Hernandez - what is opp. to single member districts

1. turnover takes time to learn about representing people

2. S.A. concerned about type of law passed - at home should be able to talk to all of people who represent entire community

Hernandez - argued with her slot

Q Sherman - arguments against single member districts are beside the point with court rulings

represented
business and prof.
women

~~Stacy - what "foolish" law?~~

Parker - why limit to 6 months?

A. just want annual sessions

* Parker - how do you feel about actual reimbursement for expenses in constitution would people accept.

A. only way to overcome is public education - she doesn't necessarily think salaries should be in constitution

Discussion - to how to put to people

she suggested putting alternatives to people vote for A or B etc.

Kenneth R. Handrichs - S.A. represent self. teacher

secondary level. history
brevity is essential

annual sessions

leg. should get full time pay - ~~but~~

some state teachers org. do not represent all the
teachers of Texas. weigh testimony carefully

Q Hernandez. how do you feel about teachers serving in
leg.?

A. There are practical problems with continuity in
teaching.

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Waltheil - rep. self. occupation (assistant to rep who
offices with Ronnie Earle) (Tarrant Co?) 22 years old

increase no of senators - average ratio 3-1

reapportionment essential

compensation - sal. comm. full time pay

strong ethics

annual sessions

Q Giger - for against P.O.D.?

Waltheil - P.O.D. not important to main issues of sessions
ethics + salaries

Q Sherman - 18 in house

W - nearly thinks 21 is better

Sherman - adequate salary how much

A - part time vs. full-time - 4800 adequate for

post time - 20,000 av. in other big states

~~Shaw~~ ing

Walthall - feels that redistrict comm. should
be it is the way now. Not weighted
with gov's people

^{active}
Bob Krummel - rep. area advisory comm. of citizens

remove salaries from const.

remove time limits on leg. sessions

leg. call themselves into special session

single member districts

no closed leg. sessions

direct ratio between rep. & senators

committee wants house etc. to determine own qualifications

either yes in const.

Q Sherman - $\frac{2}{3}$ or majority

A - committee said majority - close vote ; open ended sessions - not limit subject

Q Hernandez - why should continuance and . . . be in constitution when is statutory form

A - not necessary

Q Hernandez - special and local laws in const.

A - local option

Q Wolf - was P.O.D. recommended?

A. liked possibility of less gerrymandering

Q Weddington - local laws mean "I'll pass yours if you'll pass mine"?

A. Leg. comm. didn't handle

Q Scoggins - practicing before commission

A - be careful of conflict of interests

Scoggins is concerned about practice before

boards and commissions -

Herman - Teachers serving?

A. Varies in school districts + college

Yells teachers should get leave of absence

districts where officials

are chosen by

board of education

and committee to select

qualifications

teachers in each

district - 1/2 or majority

of committee must majority - class vote; open

higher limit for - committee must

be in - why should committee and

committee when in election form

promoted for - A

Herman - special and local laws in each

local option - A

Wolf - was P.O.P. recommended?

A. What possibility of this year?

Washington - how have been "the year of year"

year?

A. the year - what would

be - practicing before

A - he could of conflict of interest

Washington in connection about practice before

League of Women Voters Observer Form

Legislature
COMMITTEE

Jan. 21, '74
DATE

Pat Billingsley
OBSERVER

Rep. Robert Maloney
Presiding Officer

15
Committee number present

Public Hearing (General Meeting - Open discussion)
Committee Activity (public Hearing, etc.)

RECORD OF ACTIVITY FOR DATE 1/21/74
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who testified, etc. continue
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No one came to testify (except one, whom they
asked to return tomorrow). Patman moved to
adjourn; unanimously passed.

(OVER)

OBSERVERS COMMENTS:

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Legislative
COMMITTEE

Thursday January 17th 2 PM.
DATE

Andrea Lindsey
OBSERVER

Maloney
Presiding Officer

2/3
Committee number present

committee Activity (public Hearing, etc.)

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*Salaries - during transition - worried they'll be in session for -
ever on their patty \$4,800.
Adjourned til 10 AM. Friday A.M.*

(OVER)

OBSERVERS COMMENTS:

*Hilarious! we are worried abt crowding & moving furniture!
Are they ever going to do any real discussing in public
session
Suspect real bigwigs stayed after for the netty gully.*

League of Women Voters Observer Form

Legislative
COMMITTEE

DATE

OBSERVER

Maloney
Presiding Officer

12 at 10:20
Committee number present

Hearing
Committee Activity (public Hearing, etc.)

RECORD OF ACTIVITY FOR DATE _____
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who testified, etc. continue
on back and additional sheets
when necessary)

Rep. ~~M.~~ Temple - spoke for initiative & referendum for
State Laws - puts leg. power in the hands of the people
- The members seemed generally favorable to
the idea - were worried more about the
specifiers of how it would be done rather than
about the concept itself.

Det. Travis McBride Prof. at West Tex State Univ. - did not
represent any body but himself - he has done
research in this area for K.C., etc.
- there are 2 kinds of initiative (1) direct + indirect
(2) indirect - 9% of voters sign - sent to voters directly
not passed by leg. then presented to voters

This was a marvelous presentation!!
Very interesting + I was able to follow
it well. I would be happy to provide you with
more inform. if you desire. (OVER) ★

OBSERVERS COMMENTS:

Rep. ~~M.~~ Temple spoke to me before session began - he is co-sponsoring
initiative, referendum, etc. + thought ^{and hoped} the League could
support this. I said I didn't think our initiative
position referred to bills but that we did have this
position in regard to amending constitution.

(Observer)

before meeting

Member of Legislative Council talked to me & asked if we were going to testify on Rights - she knows Ann Chapell & ~~said~~ said Ann thought League's Testimony would be most helpful there.

Record of Activity continued:
Meeting was rather noisy with some members inattentive

The Citizens Conf. of Stat. Leg. ^{pt.} "A New Order of Business"
Speaker Office for Casey
received copy while there

Legislative for
COMMITTEE
Jan 16, 1974
DATE
Cecilia Cook
OBSERVER

Maloney
Residing Officer

18
Committee number present

Committee activity (public hearing, etc.)

RECORD OF ACTIVITY (record all votes, resolutions, who testified, major points made, etc. continue on back and additional sheets when necessary)

Sherman - Section 7(4) Article 3
around minority report 2/3 members

Delegate Tangles proposal - concerning tomorrow
Initiative & Referendum

Mr. Garza - Convention Staff - Title Research Associate
C. R. C. - Research Assistant Drafting
Legislative Article.

What aid to this committee?
① Prevent duplication of effort

(Blair)
Ragsdale - Section #5 - Is it used to delete some
restricting

Patman - Trust in availability of source material,
directly used by C. R. C.

TESTIMONY - Delegate ~~Section #2~~ Hightower
Section #2 Concern regarding number of members

① Felt redistricting would encourage increasing
size of Senate to retain present members.

② District of Legislature composed of same district
as Senator - fears danger of coalition between the groups
Loss of Independence of legislative representative

Chavez - Response - spoke on retention
if items considered traditional

Henderson - DOD - Dangers of strong Senator

Section #5 - (12) same opposition

OBSERVER COMMENTS:

Davis - Questioning Governor Appointees for
redistricting committee

Hightower - prefers elected representatives
to compose redistricting committee

Committee approved with Hightower

FR. WAY 10^{AM} SAT 9 30^{AM}

Letter of Open House

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League of Women Voters Observer Form

Legislative
COMMITTEE

Jan 16, 1974
DATE

Jan Albers
OBSERVER

Maloney
Presiding Officer

17-19 2 members formally excused
Committee number present

Public Hearing - no body to testify
committee Activity (public Hearing, etc.)

RECORD OF ACTIVITY FOR DATE Vote to hold Mon meet. 2 p.m. passed
(record all votes, resolutions,
who testified, etc. continue
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This Weekend

7 p.m. (Cont.)
Fri.

9:30 Sat
meeting
(noon)

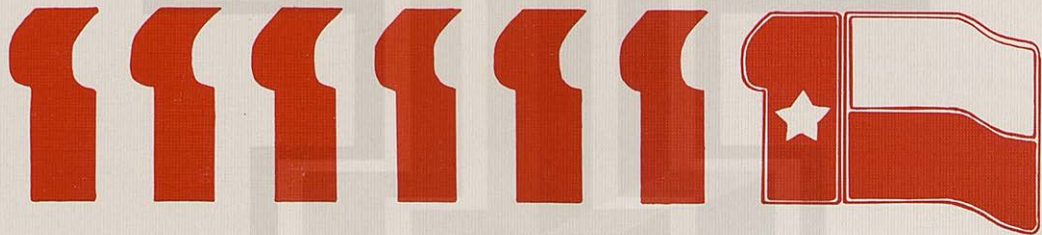
- (large with Red Printing)
- Citizen Advisory Committee Report Distributed to all members
 - they will be discussing initiative & referendum later
 - they discussed people they would like to hear testify in coming weeks - chairman will get together with other chairmen & try to co-ordinate schedules for people who may be asked to testify to many commit.
 - meeting started around 10:20 - recessed at around 10:55

(OVER)

OBSERVERS COMMENTS:

Before meeting began Adams, Maloney, Downer were discussing how they agreed with conflict of interest section but they wanted it to apply to "every body" (ex, etc.) Meeting very disorganized because of interruption from aids & staff Vice Chair. asked me when League would testify

**support annual
legislative sessions for
effective state government**



League of Women Voters of Texas



Please support:

Single member districts

Conflict of Interest Section

Eliminate legislative salary
amount from the Constitution