

LWV of Texas
State Board Report
May 1973

LEGISLATIVE

Mrs. Thomas Brasher
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We are now in the last lap of the legislative session and it is very frustrating to see all of our bills bogged down hopelessly in a quagmire of delaying tactics, indecisions, and time running out for bills trapped in committees or hung up on lengthy calendars. The rotunda is crawling with lobbyists milling around in a futile attempt to salvage their bills.

At state board meeting, the legislative committee decided that since there was not much to report since the last Newsletter that at this late date there was not much point in publishing a Newsletter so near the end of the session. We will just wait for the re-cap in a Round-Up issue to be published as soon as possible after the close of the session. Sitting in the gallery the last night of the session, I shall no doubt feel like calling the Newsletter issue "the last picture show," except that I am sure that there will probably be a re-run.

As I write this, the House has refused to suspend rules to take up a bill out of order on the calendar. You should see the calendar! House Speaker Daniel says chances of avoiding a special session are getting slimmer or "diminishing." Too many important issues are left unresolved -- redistricting, judicial reform, school finance, election laws, ad infinitum. Senate bills that do not have companion bills in the House are considered dead.

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LEGISLATIVE PROJECTS

Mrs. Bill Holmes
1406 Ethridge, Austin, TX 78703

The Legislative Office will close as scheduled by the end of May. The office equipment loaned to us by the LWV of Austin will be returned to the storage space at the University United Methodist Church and will be available for getting out the final issue of the Legislative Newsletter. Thank you, Austin. The office has served us well. It was in a good location for access to the Capitol and was invaluable as a communication center during the whole session.

Dee Dee Harvey was a tremendous asset and we are indebted to her for all the special attention she gave to the job of secretary. She will be taking a job as director of Christian Education for an Episcopal Church in San Antonio in July. She will put out the last Legislative Newsletter when we need her in June.

The women working in the Capitol Corps have really been busy this session, and there is no way you could possibly know of the number of hours they have spent in covering hearings, showing up for meetings that were recessed,

adjourned for lack of a quorum or postponed for another hour or another day. It takes a special kind of person to cope with these uncertainties almost daily, and we are grateful to them for rendering service above and beyond the call of duty.

I will continue to be available for miscellaneous jobs that need to be done in Austin (the variety is fascinating to me.)

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Wm. Bill Rimes
1400 E. 2nd St., Austin, TX 78701

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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LOBBY SCHOOL REALITIES

We simply do not have the funds for implimenting the proposed state-wide Regional Lobby School Program this year. We must give this high priority in the future, and allocate the necessary funds, for our effectiveness in promoting League program positions hinges on it. Now it seems we have two alternatives:

1. We encourage any local League to do their own Lobby School and I will be most willing to work with them by mail.
2. We will examine the "fees-ability" of combining Lobby School with Legislative Day in Austin.

Please let me know if either of these options would appeal to your League. I would also appreciate any ideas you have for future Lobby Schools.

LEGISLATIVE DAY DATES

Legislative Day will be held the last of February, in order not to conflict with convention in April. Tuesday, February 27th will be the date, with the possibility of adding Monday February 26th for afternoon Lobby School or evening Pre-Legislative Day activities. In our schedueling we will allow maximum time for you to be with your legislator, group discussion of League bills with their authors and a talk back session all together.

STATE LEGISLATIVE OFFICE

We are looking for an office to use for the 6 months of the regular Legislative session. We have several interesting ideas, but nothing to report at the moment.

LWV PINS

The Capitol Corp members feel that an LWV initial pin would be helpful in identifying them to the 90 new members of the 63rd Legislature. The Capitol Corp members would purchase these at their own expense. I will be exploring designs and prices. Any local Leagues who might be interested in this idea for "identification" can contact me for futher details.

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LEGISLATIVE

Mrs. Thomas Brasher

The seven objectives outlined in April Committee report have been resolved:

Special Projects Chairman Board position has been filled by Nancy Holmes. Regional Lobby Schools will be held in January--Nancy will take this over. Legislative Day will be held in March--Nancy will take this over.

A state Chairman has been appointed to handle the work of the American Revolution Bicentennial program in an off-Board position--Mrs. Leon K. (Eleanor) Richards.

We need to draft letter for official appointment. Will also get biographical sketch for VOTER write-up to go, if possible, in February VOTER.

Legislative Calendar sent out with beginnings of a Legislative Handbook. Will ask League artist to design cover for Handbook.

The League artist has already been asked to design an easily identifiable masthead for the Legislative Newsletter and Times for Action.

Legislative Interviews will go out in mid-October with practically the same format. Assignment of interviews will be worked out from response from memo sent out to LLs in May. Only 22 Leagues responded. Will put reminder in post-Board Report.* Will try to get map showing new district lines. Leagues will also be given an option to do interviews before the elections for those who can and will interview the candidates. *List Leagues not reported in.

Questions:

Texas Legislature

1. Do you favor allowing legislators more voice in determining committee chairmen? committee members?
2. What type of financial disclosure would you support?

State-Local Relations

3. Do you favor greater accountability and increased state regulation of single purpose special districts?

Texas Constitutional Revision

4. What are your recommendations for the composition of the Constitutional Revision Commission that the Legislature will appoint in January 1973?
(Delete if Amendment 4 fails.)

Judicial Reform

5. A Judicial Task Force headed by the Chief Justice of the Texas Supreme Court will submit proposals to the Legislature in 1973. Please comment on the following:
 - a. Do you approve of the Court of Criminal Appeals and the Supreme Court being merged into a single court for both civil and criminal matters?
 - b. What do you think of the proposed Merit Plan for selection of judges?

Human Resources

6. What steps should the state government take to solve the welfare problem in Texas?

Environmental Quality

7. Do you favor or oppose the broadening of citizen rights to bring suit against polluters when governmental agencies fail to enforce existing laws?

Other areas of interest

8. What does this legislator consider to be the major legislative issue, goal or responsibility of the coming session?
9. What is his primary area of interest?
10. What is his attitude toward the League?

Deadline for Leagues to return interviews will be December 15th.

Newsletter Subscriptions-Price will remain \$2.50 with one free copy going to LLP and one free copy going to Legislative Chairman. This subscription service will include TFAs which will go in separate mailings when necessary. An ad will be inserted in October VOTER and will also be mentioned in Post Board Report.

Texas Ed Fund Request

\$1,010.70 for the period January through December 1973. Need to budget properly. Need to decide who gets subscriptions.

Budget Correction

The figures for office rent and secretary under the Legislative Office item should be reversed in the revised budget. Office rent should be \$450 (for three months) and secretary \$320 per month (full-time).

ESI

Contract signed for new legislative service--Executive Services, Inc. Will investigate possibility of ESI researching a land use study. Will also offer COG report to ESI. Special service from ESI offered to local Leagues--Subscription to TEXAS IN ACTION for \$3.00 per month. Leagues will be notified through Post-Board report.

Capitol Corps

Plan pre-session strategy meeting after November Board meeting when priorities will be known.

December 30, 1972

To: Anderson, Holmes, Higgins, Hunter, Frits, Litras, Conner, Braunagel, SO

From: Brasher

Before the session starts, I am trying to do some preliminary work while I have the time. Attached is a plan for action when time is short and an emergency TFA comes up. Please look it over and let me know if there should be some changes made in the schedule. It was done hurriedly, but with the thought in mind to keep the expense down by having the calls made with the least distance between them. If you can find some with calls can that can be made faster and cheaper, let me know. Also attached is the list of local League presidents with phone numbers and Legislative chairmen with numbers I have. There will, of course, be changes from time to time, but we will handle that when we come to it. Before the final copy is made and run off and mailed from the legislative office, I will make the last minute corrections.

If any of you have any questions, please let me know. The schedule could serve as a communication system for any sort of emergency calls, and the lists will provide a ready-made list for use to send out Legislative Newsletters, TFAs, etc. We will notify you when changes are made. Also, those Leagues who have not sent in the proper information will be able to see on the list what is needed.

I hope all of you have a very Happy New Year!

Leagues will be notified that calls will be made collect.

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TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION SCHEDULE FOR TIMES FOR ACTION

1. ANDERSON {
 Odessa
 1. Lubbock ----- Midland ----- Midland ----- El Paso
 2. Plainview Hale ----- Amarillo ----- Wichita Falls
2. HOLMES {
 1. Austin ----- Brazos County
 2. San Antonio ----- Victoria ----- Corpus Christi
 Corpus Christi ----- Edinburg-McAllen ----- Harlingen
 Harlingen ----- Brownsville
 3. Waco ----- Corsicana ----- Tyler ----- Longview
- HIGGINS {
 3. 1. Denton ----- Sherman Provisional
 2. Tarrant County ----- Irving ----- Richardson
 Richardson ----- Garland ----- Lamar County
- BRASHER {
 (San Marcos) 3. PRITZ {
 1. Dallas ----- Hunt County
 2. Brazos County
- HUNTER {
 h. 1. Houston
 2. Deer Park
 3. LITRAS {
 1. Baytown ----- Montgomery County
 2. Pasadena ----- Bay Area *
 *Bay Area * * ----- South Jefferson
 * * South Jefferson ----- Beaumont
- h. CONNER {
 1. Galveston ----- Dickinson
 2. Pearland ----- Texas City-La Marque
 3. Brazosport
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HOLMES	will call	Austin San Antonio Waco	
		Austin will call Brazos County San Antonio will call Victoria Victoria will call Corpus Christi Corpus Christi will call Edinburg-McAllen Edinburg-McAllen will call Harlingen Harlingen will call Brownsville Waco will call Corsicana Corsicana will call Examiner Tyler Tyler will call Longview	
HIGGINS	will call	Denton Tarrant County <u>Fritz</u>	
		Denton will call Sherman Provisional Tarrant County will call Irving Irving will call Richardson Richardson will call Garland Garland will call Lamar County	
FRITZ	will call	Dallas Brazos County	
		Dallas will call Hunt County	
HUNTER	will call	Houston Deer Park <u>Litras</u> <u>Conner</u>	
LITRAS	will call	Daytown Pasadena	
		Daytown will call Montgomery County - Pasadena will call Bay Area - Bay Area will call South Jefferson - South Jefferson will call Beaumont -	
CONNER	will call	Galveston Pearland Brazosport	Galveston will call Dickinson Pearland will call Texas City- Lamarque

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LOCAL LEAGUE PRESIDENTS AND LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMEN

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ASTIN	Travis	Mrs. R. J. Brice (Sally) [REDACTED]	Mrs. C. J. Cole (Ricki) [REDACTED]
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BAYTOWN	Harris	Mrs. Frank Erhart [REDACTED]	Mrs. Mac Smith [REDACTED]
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BRAZOS COUNTY	Brazos	Mrs. Clinton Phillips [REDACTED]	Mrs. Ronald Voessner [REDACTED]
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BROWNSVILLE		Mrs. Joseph Werth [REDACTED]	
CORPUS CHRISTI		Mrs. R. M. Clarke [REDACTED]	Mrs. J. G. Bryson [REDACTED]
CHANDLER		Mrs. Mackey Harnal [REDACTED]	



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EL PASO	El Paso	Mrs. John Brant (Mary Beth) [REDACTED]	Mrs. George Meder (Barbara) [REDACTED]
GALVESTON	Galveston	Mrs. Gerald Fuller (Edna) [REDACTED]	Mary Starr [REDACTED]
GABLAND		Mrs. T. R. Coker (Jo) [REDACTED]	
HARLINGEN	Cameron	Mrs. Roy Keller [REDACTED]	Mrs. Robert Johnston [REDACTED]

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LAMAR COUNTY	Lamar	Mrs. Richard Swint [REDACTED]	
LINGVIEW		Mrs. Jack Price [REDACTED]	
LUBBOCK	Lubbock	Mrs. David Cummings (Louise) [REDACTED]	Mrs. Robert Davidson (Alison) [REDACTED]
MIDLAND		Mrs. Ken Carpenter [REDACTED]	Mrs. J. E. Shoeler [REDACTED]
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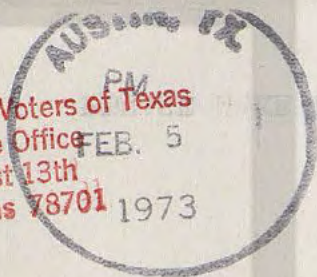
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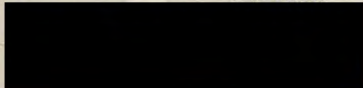
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MRS. THOMAS LITRAS



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LWV of Texas
Feb. 5, 1973

To: Local League Presidents & Legislative Chairmen
From: Nancy Holmes
Re: Lobby School/Legislative Day

This is to remind you to invite your legislators for lunch on Legislative Day, soon. Please refer to the Candidates for Representatives and Senators for the 63rd Legislature lists that were sent out on President's Mailing, October, 1972 to determine who your League will be responsible for hosting. Where there is more than one League involved, the League underlined should do the hosting. The State Board members will host those legislators who have no League.

The Legislative Luncheon will be at the
Commodore Perry Building
802 Brazos Street
12:30 PM February 27, 1973
Cost for each Legislator's lunch: \$4.50.

You will be responsible for each reservation made by Feb. 21, 1973. Tables will be reserved for your League and the menu includes steak.

Those Leagues who will be staying in hotels should verify the rates when making your reservations. The prices have gone up since the opening of the Legislature.

Let's hope for good weather and a good LWV turnout on the 26th and 27th!



March 23, 1972

To: Anderson cc: SO, Braunagel, Litras
From: Brasher
Re: Lobby School dates

Betty--Was the Lobby School committee supposed to decide on the date (or dates) for Lobby Schools in October? If I am to name the date, I would choose October 12, incase we have a late September Board meeting, we would have time to finalize plans, yet be early enough before November elections & Thanksgiving. We had talked about having the same date for all four regional schools. However, I have lost two members of the Corps, and possibly three with Rose L. working, so we won't have much of a travelling team. If the committee decides on different days around the State, perhaps we could talk Janice and Jo McClesky into making the rounds. I really don't know what to plan on until I know what the local committees will plan. In the meantime, I have had an inquiry from Harriet Litras as to whether the Lobby Schools will interfere with last minute TCR push.

Is the committee all confirmed? Those I have listed so far are: Leznar (Chrm.) Coffman, Holmes, Kemmerer. Those from the Board: Litras (Gulf Coast) Brenberg, Baggett, you and me. Am I right?

Also, shall we

P.S. We need to confirm the date (or dates) by Board meeting.
plan for a meeting of the committee during Council week.

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To: Brasher, Hunter, SO
From: Bubis
Re: Lobby School
Legislative office
August interviews
Requests for information from program chairmen

Lobby School: The Board discussed the format for the lobby school, and felt it sounded too much like a duplication of the Little Lobby Learn-In at state convention. Also, that the format would not pull in many members from around the state.

It suggested the use of outside speakers (Dick Cory, a legislator, Clifton McClesky, Mary Kate Wall were suggestions) with plenty of time for discussion with them and within our group. They also suggested inclusion of the mechanics of government--how to influence the administrative boards and staff.

Your request for August interviews were accepted.

The Board suggests the legislative office be opened six weeks before and one month after the session. This, of course, would be up to you, but you are authorized to have it open that long.

You asked resource chairmen to prepare an orientation and a list of legislative aims to distribute to legislators, for the lobby school, for the capitol corps, and for the local Leagues. We have one publication at the printer, the State Program folder, which would suit some of these purposes, and are planning for sometime in the late fall a StudyAction mimeographed booklet. Would these suit your purposes? I hate to ask the busy chairman to do much more than she already has done, unless you really feel the necessity for it. In any event, these two will be ready for your use before the session opens.

The Board had no suggestions to make for further chairmen. Perhaps if you are short in certain subjects, the chairman of that item might be of help.

Am enclosing a menu for the Lobby School handed me by Virginia McKinlay. Don't know what arrangements you have made, but know she is planning to make arrangements for the hotel for budget and board meetings and guess she'll finalize arrangements for the Lobby School, also. Can you get an arrangements chairman or hospitality chairman perhaps from San Marcos to take these details out of your hands now that Virginia is leaving? The Board scheduled the school from 10 til 3 on Tuesday. We hope that's what you had in mind. If it isn't, please let Veta and myself know right away.

Incidentally, the Board meeting will start on Monday. I hope to have a program core committee meeting to talk about convention and about the legislative session from 1-3 Monday afternoon. Committee meetings will begin at 4. We will meet until noon Thursday.

Mrs. John Hunter, [REDACTED], has taken my place as Executive-Legislatree, and will be a member of your committee. I shall replace Ruth Martin who will not be there any longer. We shall all miss her.

The Board has authorized the Executive chairman to send a letter on the consensus to the candidates for governor, lt. gov., legislature. Helen Hunter will prepare it. Helen should check it with you.

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Deadline for September VOTER is August 10. Jody saved you 43 lines of 35 characters for a Lobby School preliminary.

Ann Bury's summer address is West Glacier, Montana 59936

Add *y* to your VOTER mechanics sheet: If you want bold face, underline one time. If you want it underlined, underline it twice.

We will be supporting two amendments in November:

1. HJR 30 on removal, retirement or censure of judges
2. HJR 222 on consolidation of county offices and intergovernmental contracts.

The chairmen of the item will take care of these, but you need to be aware of what we are doing.

No mention was made at board about local level Lobby Schools. Are you still planning to bring these up?

POST BOARD REPORT DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10! THAT'S this Wednesday. Veta is planning to send it out right away. Please let her know if you will have a report. I think you can find out most of what we did at Board meeting by reading the chairmen's reports. If any of it confuses you, let me know, and I'll try to answer any questions. Ruth Clusen was absolutely marvelous. I took a few notes and shall try to communicate them to you if we ever have time.

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LWV of Texas
October 1972

To: State Board
From: Mrs. Bill Holmes
Re: Pre-Board report--Legislative projects

LEGISLATIVE OFFICE

My investigation of office space available shows: Austin Hotel starts at \$190 per month. (too much) Old office space being vacated indicating that the building will soon be torn down.

Common cause has rented upstairs of house remodeled to office. One small room downstairs was \$100.

Found several offices small at \$55 or Medium at \$60 carpeted, paneled, utilities included, janitorial service & security guard with a 6 month lease and 1st and 6th month paid in advance. It is located 4 blocks from the capitol; 13th and Nueces. We may have to consider renting one by December 1 in order to be sure we can get one. *Motion*

LEGISLATIVE DAY AND LOBBY SCHOOL

The possibility of using First Methodist Church across the street from the capitol is still good. We can have the use of the sanctuary and extra meeting rooms for Legislative Day for \$25 and co-ed hall could be used for lobby school the day before for \$10 plus \$5 to porter. I hope we can discuss suggestions for speakers (though we might want to wait and see who we can get that is promoting LWV legislation). I would like to know your preference about lunch with legislature, and leaguers all together or on their own. The only two places that can hold us all together are Austin Hotel in walking distance but quite a walk and Villa Capri in driving distance but nice and good food. I would like further help on how to handle the non league legislators, financially and "Woman-Powerly". Would like to talk about kits and agenda, too.

LWV PINS

Lobbying Techniques - kit - out of Austin Office

Still a good idea but no further plans at this time will try to have some more information at the Board meeting.

Lobby School

REGISTRATION 12-1

School 1 -

dinner + speaker

Cactus Organ (?)

Legislative Day -

- welcome

- updating

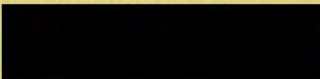
- workshops - on specific bills - with legislators there who are introducing specific bills -

Non League Legislators - Go To House + SENATE
Lunch - ✓ Bristol - Bus shuttle - Austin Hotel - Commodore Perry - Talk back -



LEGISLATIVE
PROJECTS

Mrs. Bill Holmes



Lobby School-Legislative Day

There will be a combined Lobby School-Legislative Day, February 26-27, 1973, at the First Methodist Church across from the Capitol grounds in Austin.

The Lobby School will begin at 1 p.m. Monday (with registration earlier) and conclude with a dinner that evening. The emphasis will be on the fundamentals, strategy, and techniques of lobbying. Regional workshop sessions are scheduled for sharing common problems and solutions.

Legislative Day will begin Tuesday morning at 9 a.m. (with earlier registration) and conclude mid-afternoon. The emphasis will be on ACTION. Group sessions led by legislators sponsoring LWV support bills will arm us with valuable information for our luncheon conversation. We'll then march to the Capitol to observe the Senate or House in session.

Lunch will be all together at one location with tables arranged for your reservations IF you will make them far enough in advance. We regretted the shift required last time due to the last minute response. This year we are planning for a TREMENDOUS turn-out so please don't disappoint us. The necessary and traditional "talk back" will be held after our guests leave.

We need as many of you to come as possible. Our numbers will say something important to all of our elected officials and our contact with the large number of new legislators as well as the veterans is crucial. At this point we are estimating the cost at \$7 each for Lobby School and Legislative Day or \$12 for both. The lunch for the legislator would be \$4.50 each. Further details and information for motel reservations will be forthcoming. In the meantime, invite your legislator (the one or ones assigned to you for legislative interviews) for lunch on February 27, 1973, and plan for as many League members as possible to come and "Make the scene" in Austin, February 26 and 27.

Legislative Office

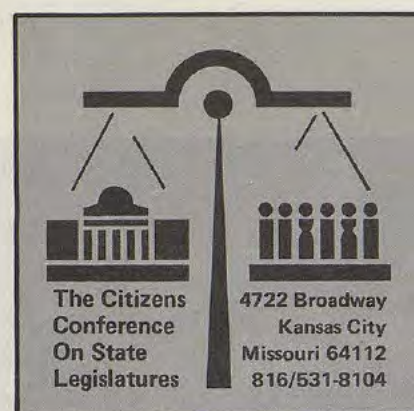
The Legislative office will be open in Austin on January 2, 1973. We have one for ~~sure~~ located 4 blocks from the Capitol and the possibility of one closer. There have been 7 responses to our notice in the Austin VOTER for a part-time secretary and it will be great to have one with LWV experience!

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LEGISLATIVE MEDIA ^{legislative} ^{conf} CONFERENCES

—A Photo Report



Missouri, St. Louis

LEGISLATIVE NEWS MEDIA CONFERENCES OF THE CITIZENS CONFERENCE ON STATE LEGISLATURES provide a setting and an opportunity for members of the news media and of the legislature to get together to discuss mutual problems and opportunities . . .

Elected representatives and members of the news media professions share a common responsibility of service to the public. Each group faces this mutual responsibility in its own way, but neither group can face it well without understanding the other's role.

The pressure of news deadlines or roll calls on the floor limits the contact between newsmen and legislators. Legislators complain that news is distorted or biased; newsmen object that legislators are evasive and non-committal.

The Citizens Conference on State Legislatures has devised a program to help bridge that communications gap. The News Media Conference on the State Legislature was initiated three years ago, as an unprecedented program to bring together, often for the first time, key figures of the legislature and the information media in a conference setting. Here the two groups meet face-to-face on an equal basis.

Twelve such conferences, affecting 25 states, have been held to date. Five regional conferences (involving from 3 to 6 states) have often stimulated future single state conferences.

While the title of the conference implies involvement by legislators and their key staff people and news media executives and the working press, the conference also benefits from the contribution of leaders from the academic and civic communities—the people who learn of legislative decisions through the press. The desired mix of participants is roughly 40 per cent legislative, 40 per cent media, and 20 per cent civic and academic.

The conference belongs to the participants. Through the assistance of grants from the Sears-Roebuck Foundation and other contributions, the Citizens Conference on State Legislatures provides the setting for the conference. In addition to coordinating the administration of the conference, the CCSL assists in formulating the program and helps to obtain experts as conference speakers. Conference participants selected by their associates serve as seminar and discussion leaders. While the essential chemistry of the conference takes place in small group discussions and informal exchanges over a two or three day period, the participants meet for several plenary sessions to air general problems and to discuss possible solutions.



New England Regional, Boston

Mealtimes and other informal gatherings provide encouraging settings for deeper probing. Gerald Bush, chairman of the "Citizens for Massachusetts," makes a point over coffee while Harry Durning, editorial director of WBZ Radio, Boston, listens . . .

At a recent conference for the six New England states, for example, registration, a reception and a dinner were followed by an opening talk outlining the general problems of communication and the legislature. Participants then broke into four small discussion groups, and began defining problems, current relationships, and future hopes.

A panel discussion on legislative reform was presented the next morning, followed by a lively floor exchange. After a luncheon presentation on "The Politics of Legislative Reform," an afternoon panel took up the topic of "The Workings of the Legislature and the Media." A reception completed the programmed activities for the day, and participants were free to make their own plans for dinner and relaxation that evening.

The third day's program included a film, a panel on "The Tools of Legislative Modernization," a luncheon talk on reforms already made in one state, and an afternoon plenary session on "What Needs to be Done."



Missouri, St. Louis

The conferences generate on-the-spot interviews and press conferences. Here Fred Porterfield of KMOX-TV, St. Louis, interviews Sen. Basey Vanlandingham, Missouri Senate Majority Leader, and Rep. R. J. King, Missouri House Minority Leader . . .

Missouri, St. Louis



Panels of experts offer suggestions on improving dialogue between the media and the legislature. Robert M. White II, editor of the *Mexico (Mo.) Ledger*, moderates a panel which includes Don Keough, WDAF-TV, Kansas City, and Margaret Sheppard Tapperson, legislative correspondent for the *St. Louis Globe-Democrat* . . .

The results vary from conference to conference. At the least, many—if not all—of the participants come away with a broadened perspective of the needs and the problems of the legislature and the information media: ideas to be implemented in the media and in the legislature; a renewed sense of what the public's business is all about; new or reinforced working relationships, and some concrete notions on what can be done to improve the legislative system and the public's knowledge of it.



Missouri, St. Louis

Vigorous discussion engages the members of many small group sessions at Legislative-News Media Conferences . . .



Indiana, Indianapolis

All participants have the opportunity to question prominent speakers and experts, as Jim Heatherington of the WFBM Stations, Indianapolis, is doing here . . .

New England Regional, Boston



Prominent speakers provide stimulation and focal points for discussion. Here Richard Pettigrew, speaker-designate of the Florida House, explains reforms in the Florida Legislature . . .



Indiana, Indianapolis

. . . and Mayor Richard Lugar of Indianapolis explores the relationships of city and state government in an urban age . . .

New England Regional, Boston



Dr. William J. Keefe, chairman of the Political Science department, University of Pittsburgh, Penn., gives historical perspective to current conditions in state legislatures . . .



New England Regional, Boston

A summary session chaired by Larry Margolis, executive director of the Citizens Conference, leads to conclusions on better legislative-media relations and specific ideas for action.

What Participants Say at a Legislative News Media Conference . . .

These are random statements of opinion made by participants in the three-day News Media Conference held in Boston for representatives of the press, legislators and the civic community.

"Why don't the people respond to the legislature?"

"The legislature has been shunted aside."

"People think that government is sick."

"The people need to find a force. . . only the people will influence the legislator to vote objectively."

"We need to be prodded by the people."

"Should the press concentrate exclusively on deviations from the norm?"

"The biggest problem in getting good legislators is the bombardment of criticism from the press."

"Good performance is the answer."

"We need research to stay one step ahead of the problems."

"The legislature has a club atmosphere . . . them against us."

"Let the legislators justify their actions. Shine the spotlight on them."

"The problem is the education system . . . students don't understand state government."

"The legislature is located on the outskirts of public esteem."

"The legislature's loss of parity with the governor is the outstanding fact of the 20th century [in the history of the legislature]."

"The legislature needs to question its organization and methods."

"Reform requires a high measure of public support."

"The press is unpredictable. . . it lives by exaggeration."

"You have to drive to the capital to find out what's going on in the legislature."

"How does a legislator get himself heard by the public?"

"Legislators should try to find out what problems beset the newsman in his work."

"[The press] editorializes in its news columns."

"The attitude of the press is an invitation to do the unusual to get heard. . . Firebombing. . . Shoe-banging."

"The electronic media are severely handicapped. . . The 15-minute broadcast is not enough. . ."

"People overlook the difficult, constructive stories in the press."

"I get nervous when things get too cozy. There must be a continual clash between the press and the legislature and other branches of government."

"The newsman writes what people want to read."

"Unwillingness to cover the legislature is failure to deal with the problem that led to the protest march."

"Government must share space with other worthwhile things."

"How about the responsibility of the press to raise issues?"

"Can the country be governed? And, if so, by whom?"

"The legislature is running with the wind."

"Appropriations and appointments are the weathervanes of the seriousness of commitment."

"What do we have to do to get public concern?"

"Show that a substantive issue is being held up by lousy machinery."

"The press should show that young people are doing things."

"The overriding issue for the seventies is to make the decision about the federal system."

"The media must rise above their stereotype of the politician in striped pants and suspenders."

"We need disciplined anger about the unworkability of the system. . . how to go about making changes."

February 8, 1971

To: Baggett cc: SO, Bubis, Fritz, Hunter

From: Brasher

Re: News Release for Feb. 22 on Legislative Day

The news release is fine except for following points:

1. The English scholarship in me says to put an "s" on lobbyist in second sentence!
2. We've got 6,000 members???
3. Sentence 9 - The League plans to lobby actively for bills to remove the welfare ceiling..... The bill(SJR 5) has already passed and will be on the May 18 ballot, so it is already too late to lobby for the bill. You may say that the League will actively support passage of the amendment.....as soon as we receive word from Fritz that this is what we plan to do. We should also plan to push the amendment (SJR 17) for the \$100 million bond program for sewer plant construction grants or loans (this is the only thing so far that we have taken positive action on - plus the bill on re-registration by voting that Janice May is working on with McKool.)

If I ever get a final consensus on what we should do about all of the ethics bills, there should be a "wee line" on that, considering all that has happened. SJR 15 by Kennard-Brooks was introduced Thursday, rushed through the Senate, passed by the House Friday, and will also be voted on by the May 18 ballot. Most of the other bills were junked. Things have really happened fast! (I am about to lose my mind I am so frustrated.) However, I like your line re bills to increase the effectiveness and responsiveness of the Leg. and Exec. Dept. Perhaps the word bills should be changed to measures, and let it go like that without mentioning specifics like ethics.

Hope this has been of some help. Let's wait to see what the Board decides to do on SJR 15 - the welfare ceiling, and SJR 15 - the ethics thing.

I agree with Betty A. that the re-registration by voting should come first.

Will comment on your comments later!
Have report from Jo McChesky on SJR 1.
Am having it typed for you - will
send tomorrow -

MEMORANDUM FROM:

League of Women Voters of Texas

DICKINSON PLAZA CENTER • DICKINSON, TEXAS 77539

Feb. 19, 1971

To Hunter
From Brasher

Please try to come in for Legislative Day if possible. Veta does not want to spend money for transportation for State Board members, but perhaps you could hitch a ride ~~wor~~ come by bus. Barbara Bubis and I will be staying at the Downtowner on Tuesday afternoon and night, in preparation for Legislative Day February 24. We could get together to discuss some of the bills which have us in a spin. So think about it.

Just received the Model Code...it's great. Looking forward to seeing the B & C pamphlet. Yes, it would be nice to have some for the legislators, and remind SO to have some sent for Legislative Day. Would need about 150 to have ready for kits.

Helen, also please remind Ann to send copies of program material to Capitol Corps members.....like your Model Code of Ethics to Peg Wagner. They really need these things for their files.

Love,

Think Ruth Jokes is coming by car. Chris

LWV of Texas
February 1971
Presidents Mailing
(2 copies)

To: Local League Presidents &
Legislative Chairmen

From: Mrs. Thomas L. Brasher, Leg. Chairman

Re: Legislative Day, February 24, 1971

Due to the press of the legislative session, I have been unable to get a Legislative Newsletter off the press to give you last minute details on Legislative Day. Following are a few reminders.

Approximate number attending should be in as soon after you receive this memo as possible. Please send directly to the LWV Legislative Office, 1115 Guadalupe Street, Austin, Texas, 78701, telephone (512) 476-5039.

If you plan to come in early, either Tuesday evening before Legislative Day, or by 8 a.m. Wednesday morning, check with the Legislative Office for committee meetings that may be scheduled Tuesday evening or early Wednesday morning. The office will stay open until 6 p.m. on Tuesday, and we will try to have someone in all day Wednesday for those who may want to drop in and see the office.

Parking will be very difficult, so plan to come early enough to find a place. There are free parking areas for visitors located near the front of the Capitol, 11th and Congress and behind the Capitol, 15th & Congress, although most of these are limited to two hours. Perhaps you could move your car from these areas, and try to park at the Polonaise garage during lunch, then move back to the parking area.

There will be a table set up in the Capitol Rotunda for information and for those who arrive early. Registration will close promptly at 10:15 a.m. Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes will welcome the group in the Old Court Room on the third floor at 10:30 a.m. promptly. A briefing session will follow, after which we shall visit the Senate and the House. You may leave either of the galleries early if you wish to take a quick tour of the Capitol.

Luncheon will be at 12:30 p.m. at the Polonaise, with the legislators you have invited. I am sorry to report that there are many legislators who will not have Leagues to host them. Since the Legislative Day format is entirely changed from previous years, due to the Convention year change last year, we will not invite those non-League legislators and officials who have no League represented as originally planned.

Please note what committees your invited legislators are on. The little blue book sent to you recently will give you this information.

Hope to see lots of you attending your Legislative Day at the Capitol.

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LWV of Texas
December 1972
Presidents Mailing
(1 copy)

To: Local League Presidents & PR Chairmen
From: Mrs. Hill Baggett, Public Relations VP
Re: Sample Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

"What type of financial disclosure would you support?" will be one of the questions the League of Women Voters of (your League) will be asking recently elected officials to the Texas Legislature. (Your League) is joining 43 other Leagues throughout the state which will be conducting legislative interviews prior to the regular session of the 63rd Legislature when it convenes in January, according to Mrs. (your president), president of the organization here. Mrs. _____, Mrs. _____, Mrs. _____ will interview Senators _____ and Representatives _____ and will be asking them their opinions on accountability and increased state regulation of single purpose districts, the composition of the Constitutional Revision Commission which will be appointed in January 1973, judicial reform relating to merging the Court of Criminal Appeals and the Texas Supreme Court, a merit plan for the selection of judges, the welfare problem, law suits against polluters when existing state agencies fail to enforce existing laws.

Mrs. _____ is director of legislative action and will be in charge of the interview committee.



LWV of Texas
October 1972
(Pres. Mailing

To: Local League Presidents & Legislative Chairmen 2 copies to pres.)
From: Chris Brasher, (Mrs. T.L.) 1408 Highland Drive, San Marcos 78666
Re: LEGISLATIVE INTERVIEWS FOR THE 1973 REGULAR SESSION

PURPOSE: The purpose of legislative interviews is mainly to establish or renew communication between your lawmakers and your local League, and to lay the groundwork for more lobbying later on. This is the time you learn how he thinks about particular issues and areas of League concern.

PLANNING: We are supplying the interview forms in October again this year in order to help you schedule the interviews early in the event you are planning a coffee, luncheon or other type of interview following the close of the Fourth Called Session, or get-togethers with candidates before the November election, or with the elected legislators immediately after the election. If the position is contested, it is very important to have your interviews before the election if at all possible, in spite of the short time left. If the new candidate is unfamiliar with League work and League goals, this is a good time to familiarize him with League program.

Be sure to make your appointments early, in any event. Also, please refer to the attached Tips for Interviewing. If you have never been involved in an interview, you may also wish to review Interviewing Legislators dated October 1970, which should be in the Legislative Chairman's file.

FORMAT: Vary the interview--dare to be different! Morning coffee, afternoon tea, evening supper with husbands--all have been tried successfully to include the whole local membership. Keep in mind, however, the old reliable visit to his office (you may get more questions answered).

BRIEFING: All participants should be briefed as to the purpose of the interview: to establish communication, to help make later contacts more effective, to give the legislator program position materials, and to exchange information. All participants should have a briefing session with program chairmen before the interviews. It is also a good chance to give the new candidate or elected legislator a copy of Texas Study and Action if you have not already done so. And remember, this is not the time to debate .. or argue .. or insist on a strongly held point of view.

REPORT FORMS: Form I - The suggested questions on this interview form are intended to be general discussion questions, so don't try to pin him down on specifics or insist on precise answers, but any information you can supply on the report form as to attitudes or opinions will help our lobbying efforts. The interview need not be restricted to these, but they should have priority.

Form II - If you do interview candidates, the Biography Report need only be filled on the elected legislator and sent in as soon as possible after the November election.

Write up the interview immediately, while details are fresh in your mind.

Please stay within the margins, as these sheets have to be trimmed in order to fit on cards in the file box the legislative chairman uses in the office.

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Return one copy to the state Legislative Chairman and one copy to the state office, and retain a copy for each League in the district, even if they were not able to be present for the interview. Along with the copy to the legislative chairman, please send any campaign material with information on the legislator's objectives or stands on issues, clippings, or Voters Guides with information about the representative or senator. If you need additional copies of the report forms, they are available from the state office.

Deadline for returning forms: December 15, 1972.

COORDINATION: Try to coordinate your interviews with the other local Leagues in your senatorial or representative districts. Consult the list accompanying this memorandum to find other Leagues in your district(s). The first local League listed for each district (and underlined) could serve as coordinator. Contact the other Leagues, arrange the interview time, see that everyone receives a report. (Thanks to the 23 Leagues that returned the district questionnaire. It was a tremendous help in assigning Leagues to the right districts with the many changes brought about by redistricting. If you spot any mistakes, please notify me at once.)

FOLLOW-UP: Be sure to write a note of appreciation to the legislators after the interviews for the time spent with you. We recommend, too, that you write appropriate letters of congratulations to the winning state legislators from your district(s) following the election. Some Leagues may want to hold receptions for the winners and manage effectively to work in information about the League and League program.

CONTACTS: Interviews and Times for Action should not be the only contacts you have with your legislators. Friendly, brief contacts in which sometimes you help them and sometimes they help you should be spaced throughout the year. Does your lawmaker provide constituents with help in getting copies of bills? Could he help you? Would he like a subscription to the Legislative Newsletter? Does he get a Voters Guide? What other League publications would help him?

Would his wife like to join the League? How does he prefer to be contacted? What is his Austin phone extension number in case you need to call in an emergency? Does he know we are planning a Legislative Day in Austin? Could you get on the list to receive the House or Senate Journals?

Happy talking!

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS
DICKINSON PLAZA CENTER
DICKINSON, TEXAS 77539

October 1972

TIPS ON INTERVIEWING

1. The League's contact with public officials is a continuing contact with the purpose of establishing a permanent, friendly relationship. The word "sustained" is the key to our legislative work. Sustained attention, the continued building up of interest and support, determines the course of League legislation.
2. It should be remembered that there are several reasons for this interview:
 - To obtain information.
 - To make a friend for the League. Your interview and your attitude may affect the legislator's vote not only on present League program, but for the future as well.
 - To explain League positions and plans if asked or if this seems desirable and necessary.
 - This interview is to obtain information - not to give League views. Let him or her do the talking.
3. It is always helpful to be as familiar as possible with previous contacts your League has had with the legislator, such as earlier interviews, so that by referring to them you are certain the legislator has as complete a picture as possible of the League's work and purpose.
4. Before you leave for your appointment, secure and study the legislator's answers to Voters Guide questions. It would increase your confidence and background to be familiar with League program material and positions. If he has not seen recent LWV material that is available, take him a copy. But do not give it to him until you are ready to leave, otherwise he may try to skim it on the spot. Avoid "selling" the program. We want frank answers, not what we might prefer to hear. Let him see that we can "take it" too.
5. Plan your approach and the general outline of the scope and direction of the interview before you begin, but keep your method flexible so that you can adapt it to the development of the interview.
6. Be sure to know about and express appreciation for any support which the legislator has given to League program positions in the past.
7. Listen appreciatively to all jokes and stories. If there seems to be a tendency to wander from the purpose of the interview, be prepared with tactful ways of getting the legislator back on the subject. At nearly all interviews you will talk of other things. Remember and make a mental note of all his likes and dislikes and anything else you learn about him.
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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS
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9. Let him know that you will follow not only legislation of special League interest but other legislation as well, including bills introduced and sponsored by him. It will help reinforce this if you can indicate some knowledge of bills introduced by him in previous sessions.
10. Be prompt for your appointment -- and don't prolong the interview or overstay the time allotted you for the interview.

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SENATORIAL CANDIDATES FOR THE 63rd LEGISLATURE

*Denotes Incumbent

<u>District</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Leagues in District</u>
1	*A. M. Aiken, Jr.		<u>Lamar County Prov.</u>
2	Peyton McKnight	Frank Sturrock (American Party)	<u>Tyler</u> <u>Hunt County</u> <u>Longview</u>
(3)	Don Adams		<u>Beaumont (Adopted)</u>
4	*D. Roy Harrington		<u>Beaumont</u> <u>South Jefferson Co.</u>
5	*Wm. T. "Bill" Moore		<u>Montgomery County</u> <u>Brazos County</u>
6	*Jim Wallace		<u>Houston</u>
7	Bob Gammage	Pat Elliott	<u>Houston</u> <u>Pasadena</u> <u>Bay Area</u>
8		*O.H. "Ike" Harris	<u>Irving</u> <u>Richardson</u> <u>Garland</u> <u>Dallas</u>
9	Ron Clower	Ken Keeth	<u>Corsicana</u> <u>Garland</u> <u>Dallas</u>
10	William (Bill) Meier	Charlie L. Ritchie	<u>Tarrant County</u>
11	*Chet Brooks		<u>Pasadena</u> <u>Houston</u> <u>Bay Area</u>
12	Mike Moncrief	Mrs. Betty Andujar	<u>Tarrant County</u>
13	Lee McLemore	*Walter H. Mengden	<u>Houston</u> <u>Pasadena</u> <u>Bay Area</u>
14	*Charles Herring		<u>Austin</u> <u>San Marcos</u>
15	Jack Ogg	Howard D. Moon	<u>Houston</u>
16	William Braecklin	Jim Wade	<u>Garland</u> <u>Dallas</u> <u>Irving</u> <u>Richardson</u>

<u>District</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Leagues in District</u>
17	*A.R. (Babe) Schwartz	Jim Nelson	Galveston Brazosport Dickinson Pasadena Pearland Texas City-LaMarque Houston Bay Area Victoria
18	*William N. Patman	Jack Tumlinson	San Antonio
19	*Glen H. Kothmann		Corpus Christi
20	Michael McKinnon		San Antonio
21	John Traeger		Denton
22	*Tom Creighton		Dallas Garland Irving Richardson
23	*Oscar Mauzy		Abilene Waco
24	Grant Jones		Midland
25	*W. E. (Pete) Snelson		San Antonio
26	Nelson Wolff	Bill Chenault	Edinburg-McAllen Brownsville Harlingen
27	Raul L. Longoria	G. G. Garcia	Lubbock Odessa
28	*H.J. (Doc) Blanchard		El Paso
29	Tati Santiesteban	Ed Elsey	Wichita Falls Plainview-Hale Co.
30	*Jack Hightower		Amarillo
31	*Max Sherman		



CANDIDATES FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 63rd LEGISLATURE

*Denotes Incumbent

<u>District</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Leagues in District</u>
(1)	*Ed Howard		No League
(2)	Doyce R. Lee		No League
(3)	*Ben Z. Grant		No League
(4)	Ray Blake		No League
5	Herman Adams, Jr.	Wallace B. Livesay	<u>Beaumont</u> <u>South Jefferson Co.</u>
(6)	Arthur (Buddy) Temple		No League
7 - 1	*Terry Doyle	Mrs. Adrienne Glynn	<u>Beaumont</u>
7 - 2	Pike Powers, Jr.	Norman Tolpo	<u>Beaumont</u>
7 - 3	*Carl Parker		<u>South Jefferson Co.</u>
8	Wayne Peveto		<u>South Jefferson Co.</u>
9	George L. Preston		<u>Lamar County Prov.</u>
10	James Cole		<u>Hunt County</u>
(11)	Bill Hollowell	Walter Judge	No League
12	*Billy Williamson	W.D. Magee, Jr.	<u>Tyler</u>
13	*John Allen		<u>Longview</u>
14	*Fred Head		<u>Tyler</u>
15	Emmett H. Whitehead		<u>Tyler</u>
(16)	*Price Daniel, Jr.		No League
17	Ed R. Watson	Mrs. Stuart Roosa	<u>Deer Park</u> <u>Texas City-LaMarque</u> <u>Houston</u> <u>Dickinson</u>
18	Jimmie Edwards	Billy Harper	<u>Montgomery County</u>
19 - 1	*Ed Harris		<u>Galveston</u> <u>Dickinson</u>
19 - 2	Andrew Z. Baker	Leon Randolph Evans	<u>Texas City-LaMarque</u> <u>Galveston</u> <u>Dickinson</u>
20	*Neil Caldwell		<u>Brazosport</u> <u>Pearland</u>

<u>District</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Leagues in District</u>
(21)	*Joe A. Hubenak		No League
22	Ben Munson	Rod Rylander	Sherman Prov.*
(23)	Bill Sullivant	Roger Martin	No League
(24)	*Bob Hendricks		No League
25	*Walt Parker	David P. Garland	<u>Denton</u>
26	(Dallas County - see Districts 33A - 33R)		
27	Forest Green	John H. Dillard	<u>Corsicana</u>
28	*Bill Presnal		<u>Brazos County</u>
(29)	Latham Boone	Ellis F. Morris	No League
(30)	John Wilson	Vernon G. Smith	No League
(31)	*D. H. (Tom) Uher	Richard Manske	No League
32 - 1	Charles Evans	Roy Brooks	<u>Tarrant County</u>
- 2	*Bill Hilliard		"
- 3	*W.C. (Bud) Sherman	Rev. C.A. Holliday	"
- 4	*Gibson (Gib) Lewis		"
- 5	Tom Schieffer	Wesley H. Mowery	"
- 6	*Joe Spurlock II		"
- 7	*Dave Finney		"
- 8	Mrs. Chris Miller	R. G. Russell	"
- 9	Doyle Willis	Don Hurd	"
(33)	C.C. (Kit) Cooke III		No League
33 - A	*John Boyle, Jr.	Stephen Shores	<u>Irving</u>
33 - B	R. J. McInnish	Al Koriath	<u>Dallas</u>
33 - C	Samuel W. Hudson	Bill Eastland	<u>Dallas</u>
33 - D	Jerry Russell	O.N. Fletcher	<u>Garland</u>
33 - E	Davy Crockett	Robert Maloney	<u>Dallas</u>
33 - F	*Chris Semos	Horace Ben Houston	<u>Dallas</u>
33 - G	Richard S. Geiger		<u>Dallas</u>

<u>District</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Leagues in District</u>
33 - H	*Ben Atwell	Leo (Dig) Haney	<u>Richardson</u>
33 - I	T.H. McDonald	Harold B. Green	<u>Dallas</u>
33 - J	Jim Vecchio		<u>Irving</u>
33 - K	Jim Mattox		<u>Dallas</u>
33 - L	*Joe Hawn		<u>Dallas</u>
33 - M	David E. Pickett	Frank Gaston	<u>Dallas</u>
33 - N	Paul B. Ragsdale		<u>Dallas</u>
33 - O	Eddie Bernice Johnson		<u>Dallas</u>
33 - P	Carl (Catfish) Montgomery	Richard F. Reynolds	<u>Richardson</u>
33 - Q	Stanley E. Latman	Ray Hutchison	<u>Dallas</u>
33 - R	George E. Goodwin	*Fred J. Agnich	<u>Dallas</u>
(34)	Jerry (Nub) Donaldson		No League
35 - 1	*Lane Denton		<u>Waco</u>
35 - 2	Lyndon Olson, Jr.	Riley Crosby	<u>Waco</u>
(36)	*Dan Kubiak		No League
37 - 1	Larry Bales	Lionel J. Rawlins	<u>Austin</u>
37 - 2	Ms. Sarah Weddington	Dwight(Mike) Wheeler	<u>Austin</u>
37 - 3	*Don Cavness	John Andrew King	<u>Austin</u>
37 - 4	*Wilson Foreman	Ms. Jennifer Lee Carney	<u>Austin</u>
(38)	Bennie Bock, II	Jack Borchers	No League
(39)	* Tim Von Dohlen		No League
40	*Joe Wyatt, Jr.		<u>Victoria</u>
(41)	*Leroy J. Wieting		No League
(42)	W.G. (Bill) Coody	Ben Long, Jr.	No League
(43)	Camm Lary, Jr.		No League
(44)	*John R. Bigham		No League
45	*John H. Poerner	Jerry R. Houser	<u>San Marcos</u>

<u>District</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Leagues in District</u>
46	(Bexar County - See Districts 57A - 57K)		
(47)	*Jon P. Newton		No League
48 - 1	*L. DeWitt Hale		<u>Corpus Christi</u>
48 - 2	*Carlos F. Truan		<u>Corpus Christi</u>
48 - 3	*Joe Salem	George T. Jones, Jr.	<u>Corpus Christi</u>
(49)	Greg Montoya		No League
50	*Henry Sanchez	D. L. Hemphill	<u>Brownsville</u>
51	*Menton J. Murray	Patti Patane	<u>Harlingen</u>
52	*David Allred		<u>Wichita Falls</u>
53	*Charles Finnell		<u>Wichita Falls</u>
(54)	*Joe Hanna	Jack Hetzel	No League
(55)	*Lynn Nabers		No League
(56)	*James E. Nugent		No League

<u>District</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Republican</u>	<u>La Raza Unida</u>	
57 - A	Frank Madla	Mike Pagonis	Ruben Sandoval	<u>San Antonio</u>
57 - B	*A.L. Tony Dramberger			"
57 - C	*Guy Floyd	Joseph F. Sage	Mario M. Salas	"
57 - D	Ronald Bird	J. Therold Berry	Hector Rodriguez	"
*57 - E	G.J. Sutton	Curtis E. Neals, Jr.	James Roy Alexander	"
* 57-E Williard Jackson on Ballot as Independent candidate				
57 - F	Frank Matera	Jim Nowlin	-	"
57 - G	*Frank Lombardino	John Michael Doyle	-	"
57 - H	*Wayland Simmons	George Richey	-	"
57 - I	*R.L. (Bob) Vale	-	George Velasquez	"
57 - J	Joe L. Hernandez	-	Rojelio Rojas	"
57 - K	Matt Garcia			"

<u>District</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Leagues in District</u>
(58)	Terry Canales		No League
59 - 1	Felix McDonald		<u>Edinburg-McAllen</u>
59 - 2	*Lindsey Rodriguez		<u>Edinburg-McAllen</u>
(60)	Tom Massey		No League
(61)	Elmer Martin		No League
62	*Frank Calhoun		<u>Abilene</u>
(63)	*Renal Rosson	J.R. (Rich) Anderson	No League
(64)	*L. Dean Cobb	Jack Hart	No League
(65)	*Bryan Poff		<u>Amarillo</u>
(66)	*Phil Cates	*Tom Christian	No League
67	*Ben Bynum	Gregg M. Harms	<u>Amarillo</u>
68	Willie B. Dubose	*Tom Craddick	<u>Midland</u>
69	*Richard C. Slack		<u>Odessa</u>
(70)	*Hilary B. Doran, Jr.		No League
71	*Jim Kaster, Jr.	J. Alfred Roosevelt	<u>El Paso</u>
72-1	Ralph Scoggins		<u>El Paso</u>
72-2	*Charles F. Tupper, Jr.		<u>El Paso</u>
72-3	Ronald Coleman	William C. Newman.	<u>El Paso</u>
72-4	Luther Jones		<u>El Paso</u>
73	John Hoestenbach	A.D. (Andy) Fenton	<u>Odessa</u>
(74)	*Bill Clayton		No League
75 - 1	*Elmer Tarbox		<u>Lubbock</u> <u>Plainview-Hale Co.</u>
75 - 2	*R.B. (Mac) McAlister		<u>Lubbock</u> <u>Plainview-Hale Co.</u>
76	James E. (Pete) Laney		<u>Lubbock</u> <u>Plainview-Hale Co.</u>
(77)	*E. L. Short		No League

<u>District</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Leagues in District</u>
78	*Joe Allen		<u>Baytown</u> <u>Houston</u>
79	Ron Waters	Robert Schneider	<u>Houston</u>
80	Joe Pentony	Dominick Caravella	"
81	Woody Denson		"
82	John Whitmire	Jack T. Davis	"
83	Robert Lord	Larry A. Vick	"
84	Hawkins Menafee	L.E. (Lee) Equia, Jr.	"
85	Anthony Hall	Dorothy Ella Potts	"
86	Craig A. Washington		"
87	Ben T. Reyes		"
88	Mickey Leland		"
89	Ms. Senfronia Thompson		"
90	Wm. B. (Ben) Adair	Kay Bailey	"
91	Paul J. Maddison	*W. J. Blythe	"
92	Robert G. Devlin	*Sid Bowers	"
93	Maria Laurel Canfield	Milton E. Fox	"
94	Jon Lindsay	Don Henderson	"
95	R.E. (Gene) Green	Dwight Keener	"
96	*Lindon Williams		"
97	Gene Jones	Ray L. Tanyer	"
98	*R.C. (Nick) Nichols		"
99	*Jim Clark		<u>Pasadena</u> <u>Houston</u>
100	Andy L. Helms	Ray Barnhart	<u>Pasadena</u> <u>Houston</u> Bay Area
(101)	*W.S. (Bill) Heatley		No League

Leagues underlined will coordinate interviews with other Leagues listed in same district

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INTERVIEW REPORT FORM I - State Legislators (Please stay within margins)

Name of Legislator or Candidate _____

Senate Dist. No. _____ or House Dist. No. _____ County _____ Party _____

Date of Interview _____ Format of Interview _____
(coffee, office, etc.)

Number present _____ Local League(s) participating _____

If any topics listed here were discussed in addition to the areas covered below, please check. (Attach additional sheet if any pertinent remarks made.)

If sometimes works well, especially for a first interview, to start by asking a senator or house member to tell you of his legislative concerns. Or you can provide him (or her) with the Texas Study and Action, and choose topics that seem to be of common interest.

1. Executive Department
2. Human Resources:
Education _____
Employment _____
Housing _____
Busing _____
3. Election Laws

This interview form is designed to guide you in interviewing your legislators about prospects for legislative action on state program items during the sessions of the 63rd Legislature.

Texas Legislature

1. Do you favor allowing legislators more voice in determining committee chairmen?

Committee members?

2. What type of financial disclosure would you support?

State-Local Relations

3. Do you favor greater accountability and increased state regulation of single purpose special districts?

Texas Constitutional Revision

4. What are your recommendations for the composition of the Constitutional Revision Commission that the Legislature will appoint in January, 1973? (Delete if Amendment 4 fails.)

Judicial Reform

5. A Judicial Task Force headed by the Chief Justice of the Texas Supreme Court will submit proposals to the Legislature in 1973. Please comment on the following:
 - a. Do you approve of the Court of Criminal Appeals and the Supreme Court being merged into a single court for both civil and criminal matters?
 - b. What do you think of the proposed Merit Plan for selection of judges?

Human Resources

6. What steps should the state government take to solve the welfare problem in Texas?

Environmental Quality

7. Do you favor or oppose the broadening of citizen rights to bring suit against polluters when governmental agencies fail to enforce existing laws?

Other Areas of Interest

8. What does this legislator consider to be the major legislative issue, goal or responsibility of the coming session.
9. What is his primary area of interest?



10. What is his attitude toward the League?

11. Comments, if any.

Signed _____

LWV of _____

Please return one copy to the LWV of Texas, Dickinson Plaza Center, Dickinson, 77539
one copy to: Mrs. Thomas Brasher, 1408 Highland Drive, San Marcos. TX 78666
and retain one copy for each local League in the legislative district.

Deadline for return - December 15, 1972



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Form 2
Legislative Biography Report for 63rd Legislature

This form is to be filled in by the local League. Please do NOT ask these questions of your Representative or Senator, either directly or by mail. If you are unable to complete this data sheet, please return it with as much information as you have available (campaign material, clippings, Voters Guides).

Name: Senator _____ District No. _____
Representative _____

Local Address: _____ Party _____
Age _____

Education: _____

Occupation: _____

When was he first elected to this office? _____

Other experience in government--what, when and where _____

Any other political history of importance such as party leadership or vigorous but unsuccessful candidacy _____

Is he generally considered to be aligned with any particular faction or interest in the legislature, state government, or business interests? _____

What are his major areas of government interest?

Please give any other pertinent or useful information that you have available, such as his community interests, group support or opposition during his campaign.

Your comments and judgment concerning this member of the Legislature and your evaluation of his responses are very important. They supply us with our most valuable information. Please give your evaluation of this legislator.

Reported by _____ for the LWV of _____

Date _____

To: Local League Presidents & Legislative Chairmen

From: Nancy Holmes

Re: Lobby School & Legislative Day

I hope each League has circled Feb 26 and 27 on its calendar for the dates of Lobby School and Legislative Day in Austin. The Legislative Chairman should be responsible for publicity in your Voter, inviting the legislators who were assigned to you for interviews, and making all reservations for your League with the Legislative Office in Austin by Feb. 21, 1973. On the basis of the reservations received by that date, we will reserve a table(s) for your League for the luncheon at the Commodore Perry on the 27th. You will be financially obligated for the number of reservations you made as of the 21st. If for some reason your League will not be represented, and you would like for us to host your legislator, we will bill you for his (her) lunch. The State Board and Capitol Corps people will be hosting the non-League legislators.

Lobby School will start at 1:00 pm (registration 11-1:00) on Monday, Feb. 26, at the First Methodist Church across from the Capitol grounds. It will emphasize the "how-tos" of lobbying, by professional lobbyists and include regional workshop sessions. It will conclude with a dinner and speaker at the Driskill hotel. The cost is \$700.

Legislative Day will start at 9:30 Tuesday (Registration 8-9:30) the 27th at the same place. We will hear from legislators who are sponsoring League legislation, to learn what the problems are and how we can help. We will march together to the Capitol to view the Senate and House in session and then meet our legislators for lunch at the Commodore Perry Building. After our guests leave, we will have the "talk back session." The cost is \$7.00 plus \$4.50 for each legislator's lunch. If leaguers plan to attend both Lobby School and Legislative Day, the cost is \$12.00.

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I hope you can plan to stay overnight with an old roommate or cousin. If you can't I am enclosing motel information so each League can make their own motel reservations.

Parking near the Capitol will be a problem. We suggest you "car pool" from your motel or try to stay at a motel within walking distance.

I hope to see as many leaguers as possible "on the scene" in Austin for two days of really vigorous and visible lobbying.



To: Local League Presidents and Legislative Chairmen
From Nancy Holmes
Re: Lobby School and Legislative Day Registration Form

Name of League

President

Phone

Legislative Chairman

Phone

Number of LWV member reservations for the combined Lobby School-Legislative Day, February 26-27 (including one dinner & one lunch) at \$12.00 each

Number of luncheon reservations for legislator guests on Feb. 27, at \$4.50 each. (Please list by name on back of sheet)

Number of LWV reservations for Lobby School, Feb. 26 only at \$7.00 each (includes dinner)

Number of LWV reservations for Legislative Day Feb. 27th only at \$7.00 each. (includes luncheon)

Please return to:

Legislative Office
League of Women Voters of Texas
603 West 13th Street, Room 111
Austin, Texas 78701

NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY ^{21st} ~~20~~ 1973



HOTELS IN THE AUSTIN CAPITOL AREA

Nearest to the Capitol

The Downtowner Motor Inn	\$14. Single	3 story--free parking by attendant.
300 E. 11th	\$18. 2 people, 1 dbl bed	
Austin, 78701	\$20. 2 people 2 dbl beds	Located 1 block from SW corner of Capitol grounds.
	\$24. 3 people 2 dbl. beds	
	\$28. 4 people 2 dbl. beds	AAA rating "very good"

Near Capitol & newly refurbished

The Driskill Hotel	\$18- \$21 single	The hotel with lots of history behind it. 5 blocks from Capitol. Lobby school dinner will be here. Just re-opened Feb. '73
117 E. 7th St.	\$27 2 people twin beds	
Austin, 78701	\$21 2 people 1 dbl. bed	
	\$24 2 people 2 dbl. beds	
	\$28 4 people 2 dbl. beds	

Near Capitol & old

The Stephen F. Austin Hotel	\$10-13 1 person dbl. bed	Big old hotel where all the lobbyists stay and where much lobbying goes on in the Coffee Shop.
701 Congress	\$13-16 2 people dbl. bed	
Austin, 78701	\$16-18 2 people twin beds	
	\$24 4 people 2 dbl. beds	AAA rating "good"

At the foot of Congress Avenue

Sheraton Crest Inn	\$16;50-17.50 single	11 blocks from the Capitol
111 E. 1st.	\$22.50-23.50 2 people	
Austin, 78701	\$28.50 3 people	
	\$33.50 4 people	AAA rating "very good"

Within driving distance

The Villa Capri	\$13 single	Another convention going on there
2400 North I.H. 35	\$18.50 dbl.	
Austin, 78705	\$20.50 2 people 2 dbl. beds	
	\$23.50 3 people 2 dbl. beds	
	\$26.50 4 people 2 dbl. beds	AAA rating " very good "

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CAPITOL CORPS POLICY SHEET
1972-1973

Capitol Corps Committee Members

Capitol Corps members will be composed of League members who live in Austin or surrounding areas or nearby members-at-large who are familiar with state program items.

One or two program items shall be assigned each member or "team" of the Corps, including those national items which may be legislated by the state government. When new members are recruited, they will become a part of a "team" on a particular item so they may learn along with an experienced member. Two members covering an area, working at the capitol together and strategizing together would be more fun, involve more womanpower, utilize different personalities, and form a back-up crew for observing meetings or floor action, as well as breaking in new recruits.

Capitol Corps members shall be registered as lobbyists, but will testify only when so directed by the Legislative Director, who will be in consultation with the state Board Executive Committee (see p. 4).

Most important is that the Corps members be well informed. This will be the responsibility of the state Board resource chairman who should prepare a portfolio or kit with all League background, consensus positions, samples of Times for Action, testimony, and any other pertinent comments or suggestions for lobbying purposes. Each portfolio will be on file in the office so that the appropriate Corps members may refer to any information in her area that she may need. Materials may be added to this file from time to time by Corps members, the resource chairman, or the state office. The resource chairman should also pass on any information she has or anything she knows about the sponsor of a bill on which a position is reached, and what approach to take when lobbying on a specific bill.

Board resource chairmen may also request Corps members to attend and report on interim committee hearings held in Austin or non-League meetings when they involve League participation or interest.

Capitol Corps members will need a good knowledge of how the legislature works, how to get around the capitol, where to go for information, learn to know permanent staff members, and be well versed in League issues. With this kind of background, they could help prepare legislative Newsletters, Times for Action, testimony; could digest or screen bills and amendments; and could substitute for the Legislative Director when needed at hearings. Corps members may also help when needed to prepare for Lobby School and Legislative Day.

Corps members will watch the calendar for bills to appear on her designated subject and respond to notices of committee hearings. She will attend as many of the committee hearings as possible, attempting to establish friendly relationships with committee members, speaking to them about legislation on the League's program and trying to bring about a committee recommendation favorable to the League's position, reporting developments to the Legislative Director. She will also act as a recorder at legislative committee hearings, noting committee members present, their comments on the bill, and those organizations represented speaking for or against the bill.

In cooperation with the Legislative Director, she will meet sponsors of League-supported bills, chairmen of respective committees, and will contact related governmental agencies as a resource person. Corps members shall act as consultants on resource material as well as becoming familiar with files on legislators assigned to her and those on committees with bills in her area of interest.

Corps members will assist the office in keeping aware of developments on League issues, such as keeping track of House and Senate votes. When a bill is due for a vote in the Legislature, Corps members may be asked to contact many different legislators, particularly those whom local Leagues have reported as uncommitted or needing additional information or persuasion. She may also be asked to lobby legislators from areas without a League, checking files for all possible items of information on the legislator before contacting him.

Corps members should help maintain the current file of information on legislators, adding to the file when additional information is obtained.

The office secretary will notify Corps members of hearings when she receives this information. Governor's action, committee action, and House or Senate action should be reported on bill status sheets. All votes should be recorded as accurately and completely as possible. If the bill is amended, important facts should be noted. This information should be entered on all appropriate records in the legislative office by the secretary. Pertinent information should be mailed immediately to the state resource chairmen. The report to the general membership will be made from that material.

At a time specified by the Legislative Director, the Capitol Corps will meet in strategy session to plan strategy, review status of bills, and make a written report for the Legislative Newsletter. The secretary will then type up the material for the Newsletters, after it is edited by the Legislative Director.

State Board Legislative Executive Committee

The decision to support or oppose a bill that falls within the legislative program and the time for effective action will need to be made by a small committee composed of the President, the Program Vice President, the Legislative Director, and Directors of Program items, with advice and consultation of the Capitol Corps member or members who have been observing the bill under consideration.

Decision-making following full Board discussion is ideal, but sometimes decisions cannot wait for the next Board meeting or time may not allow circularizing the entire Board. Comprehensive material about the question may be sent to the Board members between Board meetings and their reactions asked for. The Board itself has empowered the small committee mentioned above to make decisions that implement broad decisions made at a full meeting. This is particularly true when action is indicated on League position. Any action taken between Board meetings must be affirmed by the entire Board at its next meeting. In the time before the Board meeting at which action is affirmed, if a state Board member not involved in a particular decision made by the Executive Committee should question the decision, she should make her questions known in writing to the Executive Committee immediately for clarification.

Discretion will be needed to prevent program from becoming too big to handle. The bulk of the bills must be excluded for purposes of practice as well as policy. Bills so excluded will need no further action.

Bill Procedure - Resource Chairmen

When a bill is introduced that seems to fall into the area of League consensus positions, the secretary will order a copy of the information sheet from ESI, which will give the bill number, the name of the sponsor or sponsors, background on why the bill is being introduced, and an analysis.

For those newcomers to the Board and the Corps, a brief explanation of bill designation follows: H.B. or S.B. stands for House Bill or Senate Bill; HCR or SCR, House or Senate Concurrent Resolutions, all of which require passage of both Houses. HRs or SRs stand for House or Senate simple resolutions which only require consent of the House in which they originate. HJR and SJR require not only passage by both Houses, but are House or Senate Joint Resolutions, which means they are proposed constitutional amendments which must also be presented to the voters for approval.

Previously resource chairmen had to completely analyze their bills, but this procedure will be eliminated since we have a new service. However, if the complete bill must be obtained for closer scrutiny, we will obtain copies to send the legislative committee. When copies of the bill are received by the legislative executive committee, an immediate reply will be expected with recommendations for support, opposition, or no action. If time allows, it may be that the decision might be just to follow the bill action and see what develops before making a firm decision. Copies of comments are sent to other members of the executive committee. The Legislative Director will then decide on the basis of this information what course of action to recommend. The final decision to support or oppose may be delayed until time for concerted action by the lobbying group or the local Leagues is desired and called for. If there is time, she will discuss this with her committee at the pre-Board sessions or in strategy meetings at the capital before making specific recommendations for Board approval. If there is no time, the decision will be based on the four recommendations.

While the resource chairman's committee doesn't receive the bills or your analysis, they should be kept informed about what is going on. Also, at committee meetings, outline what has been suggested concerning the bills and ask for their comments. Your committee may make suggestions to the legislative committee concerning your item.

Resource chairmen should be thoroughly familiar with the nuances of consensus position. Rarely is there a "pure" bill, and when it is, it sometimes isn't the one which has a chance of passage. Spend a little time prior to the beginning of the session looking over what your predecessors recommended on bills that may be reintroduced in this session. You are not bound by anything that happened in the past, as long as our consensus covers the point, but a determination of the thinking that went into the decisions in the past can be made.

Decisions concerning method of support will originate with the legislative director; however, suggestions for promotion by local Leagues should be made by the resource chairmen. Since carbon copies of each executive committee member's remarks will circulate the full executive committee, if the decision to support or oppose is unanimous, all members will be aware of this. If the decision is not unanimous, we will then take another caucus after everyone has had a chance to see and reconsider the remarks of the entire executive committee. The final decision will be made by the legislative director after careful analysis of the bill, the remarks of those commenting on the bill, and the chances of success of the bill from knowledge of those closest to the legislature. Or perhaps a poll of the state Board may be made or a decision withheld pending an upcoming state Board meeting, if time allows. In any event, the executive committee will be notified of the decision to support or oppose before this decision is passed on to the local Leagues. The sponsor of the bill will also be contacted.

When a decision is made on a bill, the legislative director will notify local Leagues in a Legislative Newsletter, telling the League position, the intent of the bill, the League's reason for supporting or opposing it or any other recommendations. Since the resource chairman is the expert in her field, she will play a significant part in this phase. Each new resource chairman will need to become familiar with specific issues and begin drafting a short, concise statement of the League position, attaching any relevant comments or suggestions which will help in giving testimony and answering questions by the committee. Almost immediate use of this material is anticipated in releases to the press and in various letters and statements which the president will make.

Once assignments of legislators to standing committees are made, and referrals of bills to committees are known, it may be useful to request further cooperation on the part of a local League. This may be for additional information and/or an alert that a legislator needs some mail or local pressure. Resource chairmen should help make these decisions as well as making decisions on timing for Times for Action. They may also wish to contribute any pertinent remarks or information for the Legislative Newsletter. Statements of official testimony, reports on hearings, and interesting comments on bills will be included in the Legislative Newsletters.

As the legislation progresses, status on each bill with pertinent remarks will be sent to each member of the legislative executive committee. Since only one copy of this status sheet is available under our subscription service, it will be the duty of the secretary to notify the legislative director, Capitol Corps members and the executive committee immediately of any change in status.

Legislative Office Secretary

The secretary for the legislative office in Austin will be employed only during the time specified by the state Board. Her duties will be supervised by the state Legislative Director with the assistance of the Legislative Projects Director. She will not be a lobbyist, but will assist in getting information that will help determine the League's legislative strategy.

She shall keep the Legislative Director and Corps members advised of committee hearings and any pertinent information that comes into the office; such as communicating changes in committee hearing dates and information needed as to anticipated floor action on specific legislation.

Among her duties will be the following:

1. Check reports from ESI daily, scanning the list of bills introduced and ordering those which fall in the areas of League positions. (See p. 4 for bill procedure.)
2. Notify Corps members of time and place of hearings and when floor action is expected, and make assignments for observing when necessary.
3. Bills should be filed immediately by number, with copies going to the state Board Executive Committee (see p.4). Cross index sheets will be prepared by program item, by sponsor, and committee referral so that Corps members will have some idea of related legislation when calling on legislators.
4. A file on members of the legislature shall be maintained in the legislative office. Each file will contain statistics including name, district, Leagues

in the legislator's district, and committee membership. Additional information, if available, should include birthdate, birthplace, spouse's name, children, church affiliation, business experience, political party, political experience, civic activities, hobbies. Most of this information will be contained on the legislative interview forms, a copy of which will be filed along with the legislator's card.

The file should also include the legislator's votes and comments on issues of interest to the League, plus newspaper clippings, letters, and clippings from Voters Guides sent in by local Leagues.

A card file for Leagues, with names, address, and telephone number of the local League president and legislative chairman, and legislators in district will also be accurately maintained.

5. A file could also be kept on legislative programs of other organizations, with names of individuals to contact.
6. Local Leagues shall be notified of hearings and committee meetings when so directed by the Legislative Director.
7. Carry out any other duties commensurate with the normal operation of an office, such as answering letters, keeping records of telephone calls when Director is out of office and getting in touch with her if the matter seems to be of importance, keeping files up to date.
8. The secretary will type stencils, operate the mimeograph machine, and mail out copies of the Legislative Newsletter, Times for Action, and any other memorandum that must go to local Leagues or Board members from the Legislative Office.
9. She will keep a record of supplies ordered, postage used.

The secretary will be paid from the state office monthly, after she has turned in a time sheet with the hours worked. She will be paid \$2.50 per hour, and will work those hours when she is most needed. In the absence of the Legislative Director the office secretary will consult with the Legislative Projects Director.

State Legislative Director

Presents the needs of an active lobbying program to the state Board. Coordinates and supervises activities and functioning of the Capitol Corps. Supervises the routine of the Legislative Office, including interviewing and hiring of office secretary.

Keeps local Leagues informed of legislative matters.

Builds personal relationships with legislators and staff.

Presents League testimony in absence of state president or resource chairman if so designated.

Edits and supervises Legislative Newsletters, Times for Action, and League testimony.

Handles all correspondence and reports to state Board and local Leagues on legislative matters.

Detailed duties of the Legislative Chairman can be found in the permanent files of the Legislative Chairman and in calendar form.

LEGISLATIVE

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Now that the trauma of election activities are over, it is time to prepare for the upcoming legislative session which starts January 9.

First on the agenda for legislative chairmen is the drafting of a letter of congratulations for the local League president's signature to go to all newly elected state senators and representatives in your district (s).

This would also be a good time to request getting on the mailing list for House and Senate Journals to be used in your local League office. These journals are limited in distribution, so ask for a copy only if you intend to read and use it.

Legislative interviews should be received by the state Legislative Chairman by the December 15 deadline so that they may be evaluated and filed before the session begins.

Already we are "revving up" for action in Austin with reorganization of the Capitol Corps, making important contacts, attending hearings, and preparing to open a new office in Austin. You will be notified of the address and telephone number of the legislative office as soon after January 1 as possible.

Focus on '73

What direction should action take in 1973? With this in mind, the state Board met in legislative committee to choose the priority items on which we will focus our efforts.

With passage of Amendment 4, it was a foregone conclusion that first on our list of legislative priorities would be Texas Constitutional Revision. A major effort will be made to keep you informed of what's happening after the Commission is appointed. Hopefully, a League member will be selected for the Commission.

Since we should have a firmed up consensus on School Financing shortly after the session starts, this item was second in line for League's top priority items, followed closely by Election Law Reform and Voting Rights, then Judicial Reform. In other words, these items will be the ones on which we anticipate expending the most concerted efforts of both the Capital lobbying corps and local League lobbying.

Work on other items will be done for the most part by the state lobbying group and limited calls to action by the local Leagues. This does not mean that our other state items will be diminished in importance, but that our available womanpower and finances will be concentrated on the top priority items and that low key action will be taken on the others.

Topping the list of other than top priority items will be Welfare, followed in order by Lobbying, State-Local Relations, Environmental Quality, and Ethics.

If we combine the priorities with the League's 1971 activities, a familiar picture of our 1973 legislative action program begins to emerge. Many of the bills which League supported in 1971 failed and are being reintroduced this session.

They are still important in the judgment of our members. We will look carefully at bills in areas that are not considered top priority, and we will follow through to implement goals of our support positions whenever possible. But the prospects are that we will work hardest for those things we want in a new state constitution.

Local Leagues have already begun to act through interviews with their own legislators, thus laying the groundwork for future contacts. Now the state Board will follow through with the direction expressed in the discussion for choosing our priorities, keeping in mind the wishes expressed by the majority of local Leagues.

Please consult Guidelines for Action in all areas of legislative activity, and note that permission from the state Board must be obtained to act on local program at the state level.

Since the legislature will already be in session when the next Board Report comes out, I am taking this opportunity to remind you that every League has a responsibility to officially answer all Times for Action with blind copies of letters to legislators being sent to the state Legislative Chairman and state office. It would be greatly appreciated if responses from legislators are noted on the carbon copies sent to the legislative chairman, with any pertinent remark, attitude, etc. This could be very important and useful information for members of the lobbying corps, the legislative chairman, and state program chairman. If it is not too much extra trouble, it would be helpful to the state program chairman involved to get a carbon copy. Many Leagues have sent clippings, notes and info about their legislators all through the session that have been of much value to us at the capitol.

Study and Action

No member who wants to take an active part in the League during the legislative session should be without the state Study and Action booklet. This 28-page publication gives the history and explanation of positions of the entire state program. It is intended to give all members a clear overview of where the League has been, where it is now, and where it is going. Please see that all of your local members get a chance to order this booklet. It is very important as a useful tool for legislative action.

If you have not already done so, also see that your legislators, especially the new ones, get a copy of this booklet. It will give them a comprehensive explanation of our state positions.

Other Aids to Legislative Action

The State and Local Government Department of the LWVUS Ed Fund has published a wonderful little booklet (financed by the Carnegie Corporation) titled Anatomy of a Hearing. Be sure to refer to this booklet when planning to appear before governmental bodies. Simply written, it discusses purposes of hearings, rules, and how to be an effective witness. It was sent with a memo from National dated August 23, 1972.

Another excellent pamphlet is one I ordered recently from a large trading stamp concern. The pamphlet is entitled, "PUBLIC AFFAIRS HANDBOOK - A Guide to Achieving Good Government." It can be obtained by writing to The Sperry and Hutchinson Company, Consumer Services, P.O. Box 935, Fort Worth, Texas 76101. Please enclose 10¢ for each copy requested for mailing charges.

November '72 LEGISLATIVE State Board Report (continued)

Don't forget to remind your publications chairman to run an ad in your local VOTER advertising subscriptions to the Legislative Newsletter and TFAs for only \$2.50 per session. First edition will come out in January. Late subscribers will be sent all back issues starting with January 1973.

And One Last Reminder

I have received several requests for subscriptions to "Texas in Action" being offered by ESI through our initial subscription. Details of this excellent source of information in various areas of state activities were outlined in the September Board Report. After consulting with Mr. Lehman Marks of ESI, he requested that local Leagues order directly from ESI and send checks for a minimum of six months, mentioning the time you wish the subscription to start. This procedure will cut down on the amount of bookkeeping. Please mail subscription orders with check enclosed directly to: Executive Services, Inc., Suite 207 Westgate Building, Austin, Texas 78701. The subscription rate for local Leagues is \$3 per month, which includes handling and postage.

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LWV of Texas
May 1972
Presidents Mailing
2 copies direct
to president

To: Local League Presidents & Legislative Chairmen

From: Mrs. Thomas L. Brasher, State Legislative Chairman

Re: Legislative Handbook

I am taking this opportunity to welcome all new legislative chairmen and to become reacquainted with those who are serving again this year.

Attached you will find that "something new" has been added for the files of the legislative chairman. This will be the first in a series of what will eventually be a Legislative Handbook for your use and to pass on to the next legislative chairman. You will need a looseleaf notebook in which to insert these memos which will be marked and numbered as part of the Legislative Handbook. Future memos can then be inserted as you receive them.

As we prepare to face the beginning of another active legislative session this coming January, I hope that the enclosed material and future material will help you in your exciting job.

Your comments and questions will be welcomed and appreciated.



Legislative Handbook

INTRODUCTION

Each local League Board should designate one person to be the State Program Legislative Action Chairman. The importance of the local League legislative chairman can not be stressed enough, for she has the local responsibility for all things relating to state legislation. She should be acquainted with state program items and positions, as well as the legislative process. The job of legislative chairman is not for a reluctant Board member or an off-Board member nor is it just a job of writing a few letters. If lobbying is to be effective, it must be considered in decisions on membership drives, finance drives, publicity, and program, in addition to those areas actually delegated to the legislative chairman.

Legislative action is the culmination of all League work and study. The foundation for the League's legislative program is provided by conclusions reached by local League members after studying governmental issues adopted as League program at state convention. It is your job to help translate our state legislative program into action. This is an important and complex job, but one of the most exciting, absorbing and rewarding jobs in the League.

ROLE OF THE LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN

The most important role of the legislative chairman is keeping her membership well informed about legislation, thereby making each local League more politically effective. A study program alone does not stimulate interest, add growth, or bring the League goals before the public as the action of a legislative program does.

Ideally, every legislative chairman should have a vice-chairman or co-chairman in training, not only because the legislative year and the League year are always out of phase, but also because legislative action may be required at any time - and quickly. There should always be someone prepared to take over in case the legislative chairman is not available. A second-in-command is perhaps more important here than in any other League job. For practical reasons, the best choice for a legislative chairman or co-chairman would be someone who has held the state program portfolio or someone who has had experience in some phase of state program. The national program chairman should assist on national items being legislated at the state level.

Following is a list of duties and responsibilities which should be included in the role of the legislative chairman.

On League program: Plan and carry out specific action campaigns in cooperation with the appropriate resource chairmen and the Board. The legislative chairman should be a Board member familiar with all aspects of League program...the background of issues on which the League will take action, when it was studied, the important facts that emerged, the consensus reached, and the reasons for League support or opposition to a particular bill.

On Legislative Procedure: The Legislative chairman should have an understanding of "How a Bill Becomes Law" and other information on the legislature. She should attend hearings and sessions of the legislature when possible. She should keep state Board informed of local League opinion on progress of legislation.

On Legislators: She should know her own legislators well and they should know her. She should arrange interviews with legislators and inspire members to get to know their legislators better. She should inform legislators of League stands on legislation.

On Lobbying: She should be easily available to act when Times for Action are received. She should communicate with her legislators and inspire them to know, to care, and to act in the League's cause. She also reports to the state League the results of any interviews or talks with legislators. This helps the state Board in its lobbying job. She should also help prepare the official League letter from the president on all TFAs. Very little can be accomplished without the active cooperation and participation of the general membership, so she needs to keep the membership informed through local VOTERS and at all local League meetings. She should inspire the membership to take action when it is called for by keeping the members interested, excited and enthusiastic.

If these responsibilities seem like an enormous undertaking, don't let this overwhelm you! It is an important job, but you must remember that much of this background and knowledge you probably already have.

LEGISLATIVE

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Lobby School Date Change

At Council, it was announced that, if possible, areawide Lobby Schools would be planned for October. Because of the loaded calendar and the anticipated heavy workload in October due to pre-election plans, increased TCR activity, and consensus deadlines, the Legislative Committee reconsidered the alternatives. As a result, it was recommended and approved at post-Council Board meeting that the Lobby School plans be postponed until January. I am sure you will be happier with this arrangement. With Lobby School taking place in early January, Legislative Day in Austin will follow in late March.

Second Called Session

The 62nd Legislature, Second Called Session, convening on March 28 for a two-day session, passed the following two bills: S.B. 1, relating to the conduct and financing of primary elections during the year 1972, and S.B. 3, relating to the preservation of the scenic beauty along lands bordering certain highways.

Although we had no positions on this legislation, we did have a passing interest in their relation to Voting Rights and Environmental Quality, respectively. The session was specifically called for these two purposes.

In addition, SCR 1, ratifying and adopting a proposed amendment to the U.S. Constitution relative to equal rights for men and women, introduced by William Moore, was adopted. Rex Braun, et al, sponsored a similar resolution in the House.

Also, because of the urgency of the problem, the Lt. Governor directed the interim Senate Committee to Study Urban Education, created by S.R. 1446, the interim Senate Committee on Occupational Education, created by S.R. 1148, and the interim Senate Committee to Study Tax Policy, created by S.C.R. 135, to work jointly in studying the problems of public school financing, with the chairman of the Senate Committee to Study Urban Education to serve as chairman of the new joint committee. S.R. 26 by Mauzy affirmed this action.

H.C.R. 2 by Orr, directing that no state funds may be appropriated for the busing of children to achieve racial balance, died in the State Affairs Committee. Orr also introduced H.C.R. 3 directing that taxes collected for public school financing be spent in the locality where collected. It suffered the same fate.

A resolution requesting a U.S. Constitutional amendment opposed to busing of school children to adjust racial balance was introduced in the House by Bill Clayton and in the Senate by Grover and Harris, but never came out of committee.

The most significant action to League members taken by this session was the adoption of amended Joint Rules for the House and Senate and amended Permanent Rules of the House on Standing Committees. An explanation of these changes

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will come to you from the Texas Legislature Chairman.

With the probability of the special session on appropriations being called in June, it is important that your legislators be urged to readopt the revised House Permanent Rules on Standing Committees in the coming special and regular sessions. It is anticipated that more resolutions proposing further changes in the House Permanent Rules will be forthcoming in the next called session.

Budget Planning for Action

Be sure to include "action" money in the new budgets. The first months of 1973 in your new budget will include the regular session of the 63rd Legislature.

Party Rules

At the Council Program Panel workshop interest in party precinct activities was noted, especially in regard to information on new Democratic party rules. From the Austin Report I have gleaned this information which may be passed on to your members: "State Democratic Headquarters sent copies of party rules to county chairmen and said others are available for \$2 a copy. National Committee-woman Carrin Patman had some printed and will mail them for 5¢ from Drawer A, Canada 77962."

Local Legislative Chairman's Calendarwill be coming to you sometime in May. Watch for it. In the meantime, welcome to new legislative chairmen!

JOB DESCRIPTION FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION CHAIRMAN

Hopefully, you will have the advice of the previous chairman, as well as her portfolio, to bring you more up to date. But if you are starting out a complete novice, you can use your own ingenuity and initiative to bring a fresh and inspiring enthusiasm to your role as an "agitator for action."

PREPARATION

Recruit a co-chairman and/or a committee.
Review POSITIONS and state program material.
Work in cooperation with Resource Chairmen, Voters Service Chairman, and Public Relations Chairman, as well as with the corresponding state chairmen, to put League program across.
Advise the program-planning committee on general action possibilities and techniques suitable for program items under consideration.

CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATORS

Plan to interview your legislators after election, along with the local president, to establish rapport.
Follow-up by sending legislators new program publications.
Lay the groundwork by helping to prepare congratulatory letters, with the local League's president's signature, to all local elected officials and legislators immediately after elections.
Be a watchdog for your state legislative chairman. Make a file on your legislators. Clip articles from newspapers, biography outlines from Voters Guides and other sources. Send state legislative chairman any pertinent articles on actions of legislators on League issues or other issues that may have a bearing on how to approach the legislator when lobbying.

KEEP YOUR MEMBERS INTERESTED

Motivate all League members to participate in action, as well as motivating community leaders and other organizations. Set up an organized way to contact people for action during the legislative session -- sympathetic opinion makers in the community, mass media, as well as a corps of interested members who are willing to follow through. In large Leagues this may mean a designated person in each unit. She should encourage more members to use Lobby by Letter Kits in which to keep pertinent materials on bills, etc.

Encourage and promote subscriptions within your League to the Legislative Newsletter and Times for Action published during the legislative session. Consider xeroxing copies of the TFAs to send immediately to non-subscribers or to members of a special legislative committee who will help write letters.

Utilize successful action ideas from other Leagues and other organizations. Use your VOTER bulletin to keep members up-to-date on state positions. Keep abreast of current research on political behavior and political action techniques -- shared periodically with membership. If possible, the legislative chairman should take one or two newspapers or subscribe to the Austin Report. By careful reading she

can get a good idea of important issues and attitudes of citizens and legislators in an area plus keeping up with general legislative events. She might also subscribe to a newsletter of one or more important lobbying groups. Through the VOTER, you could share this information with the members.

Attend Lobby Schools or workshops on lobby techniques or legislative activities. Report back to your League members or plan a local lobby school or workshop to pass on information to local members and community.

Arrange attendance by your League members to the Legislative Day in Austin.

INFORM YOUR COMMUNITY

Promote subscriptions to legislators, editors, and other key people in the community. Gift subscriptions are nice, too!

Write letters to the editor promoting state positions.

Set up a speakers bureau on state topics and contact local churches, clubs, etc.

Sponsor public meetings during the session featuring legislators, local officials, school board members, press, and others to discuss legislative action.

Encourage participation by other organizations in the Lobby Schools.

Keep in mind that your state Board resource chairmen and legislative chairman are always ready to help you and are interested in knowing what successes or failures you have. So keep in touch.

LWV of Texas
May 1972

CALENDAR

This is a timetable of important events in the legislative chairman's year.

April through August: Take over portfolio and absorb contents.*
Subscribe to one or two newspapers.
Find a co-chairman or vice-chairman.
Find unit reporters.
Find committee to handle state items.
Maintain local League files on your legislators.
Meet candidates for election in election years.

September - October: Recruit members for your committee.
Plan a general membership meeting on legislation during the year.

November: Make up file for newly elected legislators.
Write letters of congratulation to newly elected legislators and enclose copy of state program or Study and Action.
Remember to send any new publications that come out during the year.
Try to get on your legislators' mailing list to receive the House and Senate journals.
Arrange for legislative interviews.

December: Send in legislative interviews to state office and to state Legislative Chairman.
Help publications chairman promote subscriptions to members to Legislative Newsletter and Times for Action.

January - May: Attend Lobby School.
(in odd-numbered years) Attend Legislative Day.
Attend hearings at Capitol when possible.
Report to membership and Board on current bills - through VOTER, at units and general meetings.
Organize for responses to Times for Action.
Contact other local organizations interested in particular legislation.
Assign a unit or an individual to keep up with each legislator.
Send carbon of correspondence to legislator to legislative office with notation or copy of his or her answer.
Contact legislators personally. Attend meetings when they make appearances in local community.

Work with a year-round local legislative action committee to develop techniques for action on local, state and national program.

Until the end of the session of the legislature, all League members should lobby for the League

- a. in person
- b. by letter
- c. by letters to the newspapers
- d. by influencing others to lobby

*Portfolio should be a loose-leaf notebook with marginal tabs separated into state program items for easy reference to any specific item. Paste clippings on particular items on plain sheet of typing paper which can be punched and inserted under proper heading. Other items that should be kept in the portfolio are copies of LWV statements made at legislative hearings, copies of Times for Action, copies of reports on action taken, copies of reports to the state League concerning legislators, Annual Reports, etc.

LWV of Texas
May 1972



LWV of Texas
January 1972

To: State Board
From: Mrs. John Anderson
Re: Pre-Board Report: Ad hoc Action Evaluation Committee Report

Proposed recommendations were sent to committee members for their comments and ranking in December. Since we did not send a questionnaire to state Board members, we would appreciate your comments at the January meeting.

PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS

Planning for Action

- ...Make flexible legislative plans and goals in a pre-session strategy meeting, attended by legislative chairman, program core committee, and Capitol Corps
- ...Concentrate on key committees and fewer bills to be more effective *(for local leagues) - reality intrudes -*
- ...Abide by guidelines determining action for state issues coming from the state Board. These binding guidelines are needed so that the same action will be taken throughout the state. Guidelines should permit reasonable action by local Leagues on permissive legislation related to local program positions. *Switch to new service will help -*
- ...Distribute analyses of key League bills to legislators.
- ...Attempt to have the state Board program chairman prepare statements in advance (if possible) for public hearings or committee meetings even though someone else may testify at the meeting.
- ...Utilize the State Board Legislative Action Committee (as explained in the Capitol Corps Policy Sheet). "The decision to support or oppose a bill that falls within the legislative program and the time for effective action will need to be made by a small committee composed of the state President, the Program Vice President, the Resource Chairman of the item, and the state Legislative Chairman, with the advice of the Capitol Corps member or members who have been observing the bill under consideration."
- ...Classify state ^{ballot} issues (such as constitutional amendments) in one of three categories, depending on our program position: "No Position, Support, or Oppose." *on this particular bill -*
- ...Prepare program materials and trainers to stress that program choice is the first step on the road to action. Consider whether the local program choice can be solved at the local level.
- ...Formulate some procedures to insure smooth operation throughout the legislative session. (E.g., extend legislative chairmen's term to July 1; local legislative chairmen should also attempt to work throughout the entire session.) Any changes in office of local League president or legislative chairman should be corrected in the legislative office as soon as possible

Legislative Program

CAPITOL CORPS

- ...Recruit one person for each program item for Corps. Others may be given specific tasks as needed.
- ...Hold weekly meetings of Capitol Corps and legislative chairman
- ...Assign Capitol Corps members to key committees as well as program items (Ten separate program items were followed during the last session.)

LEGISLATIVE OFFICE

- ...Increase budget for legislative office--for better equipment, supplies, more mailings and a full-time secretary
- ...Update material in legislative files. Request newspaper clippings during the campaign.
- ...Consider subscribing to other legislative service (rather than Texas Legislative Service)
- ...Stress the importance of completing the legislative interviews and returning them to the legislative office by the opening of the session. Preliminary instructions and questions may be sent to LL before the November elections; the interviews can be completed immediately after the election.

NEWSLETTER

- ...Obtain additional help with the newsletter. A good full-time secretary could work under the legislative chairman's direction, or a committee could assist with the newsletter.
- ...Mark clearly priority items
- ...Consider these points in preparing TFAs:
 - one TFA to a page; label well, be very specific as to what LL should do; include San Antonio's approach to coping with letter load in a short time; arrange in program sections (TCR, EQ, HR, etc.) so they can be separated for distribution and filing
- ...Index material
- ...Make newsletters more concise
- ...Urge interested members and community leaders to subscribe to the newsletter and to act directly.

LOBBY SCHOOL

The committee recommends regional lobby schools be conducted in 1972 by a traveling team of Corps lobbyists.

If one lobby school is held in Austin, try to prepare a more realistic time schedule and consider a panel of legislators discussing effective lobbying techniques, or a

panel of lobbyists, or a combination of legislators and lobbyists. Include more "how-to" information.

LEGISLATIVE DAY

- ...Consider a two-day session with an optional meeting the evening before to entertain legislators
- ...Plan the day for early March when legislative action is greater, yet avoiding LL conflicts later in March. It needs to be held fairly early, because it is a stimulus to action at the local level.
- ...Provide more time for feedback discussion, instruction, and information on legislation
- ...Invite all legislators, even those from non-League areas, to a catered luncheon in a large place. When LL share legislators, designate one League to coordinate the procedures for inviting legislators.
- ...Appoint a special committee to handle program, publicity, finance, invitations, registration, working out of legislative office

LOCAL LEAGUE LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMEN

- ...Contact legislators personally. Attend meetings when they make appearances in local communities.
- ...Keep a file on each legislator--clippings from newspapers of their activities, appointment to committees, statements, etc.
- ...Contact state legislative chairman if legislator responds to TFA--giving his comments or reservations concerning the legislation.
- ...Send carbon of correspondence to legislator to legislative office instead of state office. Then the files can be transferred at the end of the session.
- ...Work with a year-round local legislative action committee to develop techniques for action on local, state and national program.
- ...Assign a unit or an individual to keep up with each legislator
- ...Contact other local organizations interested in particular legislation.

An evaluation of our legislative program will also be prepared (from the committee's meeting, questionnaires to LLs, and correspondence) to accompany our recommendations.

LWV of Texas
January 1972

To: State Board
From: Mrs. Thomas Brasher, Legislative Chm.
Re: Pre-Board Report--Legislature *we*

REPORT OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL PLANNING CONFERENCE

On October 29-30, a conference was held in Austin at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs to formulate plans for a four year statewide program culminating in 1976 and coinciding with the nationwide American Revolution Bicentennial celebration. The two-day conference included representatives from 20 Texas universities and colleges meeting on the first day, and representatives from the major statewide organizations meeting with the university delegates on the second day.

Dean John Gronouski of the LBJ School is heading the planning organization as the University of Texas at Austin was awarded a planning grant by the National Endowment for the Humanities in the amount of \$130,940. UT will work with other colleges, universities and civic organizations in Texas to develop a program intended to reach all Texans through various media, after the first year's planning work is completed. The Texas Bicentennial Study will try to relate the American Revolution specifically to Texans living in the twentieth century. Programs for the general public will be developed, using the mass media, public seminars and other forums.

After our state president, Veta Winick, had written Dean Gronouski that she was unable to attend, Gronouski called her and insisted that a League representative should be present at the conference. A long distance call from Veta convinced me that I should attend the Saturday meeting, so I went as the official representative of the League of Women Voters of Texas.

Besides the League, major organizations represented at the conference were AFL-CIO, NAACP, American G.I. Forum, State PTA, Texas Junior Bar, Texas State Teachers Assn., Texas Municipal League, Texas Conference of Churches, Texas Community Services, American Legion, and the Texas Federation of Business and Professional Womans Clubs (who did not have a representative present).

Briefly, the aim of the conference is to develop a program (1) to enrich understanding, here and abroad, of the democratic experience, and to illuminate the path ahead; (2) to link together for the first time in a sustained common enterprise the academic resources of the State of Texas; and (3) to engage the larger Texas community in an enterprise of significance for all thoughtful citizens. With the University of Texas taking the lead, program planning would be developed during the 1971-72 academic year for a four year program culminating with an international convocation in 1976. The theme of the program is the American democratic experience -- its successes, failures, and lessons. The focus will be upon the problems facing American democracy. They will be examined intensively against the background of (1) American history in general (2) the historic experience and problems of Texas in particular, and (3) the experience of other contemporary nations and other continents, in attempting to find democracy and make it work.

In the suggested list of Bicentennial topics, many of the themes are identical to League program items or issues: participatory democracy, environment and conservation, urban crisis and the role of cities, American responsibility in world affairs (foreign aid, trade and monetary policy, maintenance of peace).

The main problem will be to formulate a central theme for the Texas celebration and coordinating all of the ideas issuing from the conference, which they hope will be submitted by the institutions and organizations in some concrete form. From this should come the development of mutual coordination and ways to share resources and ideas.

In a discussion of the topics, the following issues were suggested by the various organization: the illiteracy problem (functional illiteracy), criminal justice, the drop-out problem, legal rights, the use of television as a public forum or educational device to bring ideas of the democratic experience to the public, employment opportunities, minority cultural problems, a program for senior citizens which could include citizenship classes, instruction in their legal rights, and voting procedures. The ideas are endless.

As I was the first one to be called on at the conference, I submitted as a starter the suggestion that we might in some way dovetail our own state constitution centennial with the American Revolution Bicentennial. After all, if we do get a new constitution, that would be a revolutionary change for Texas! Can you think of ways in which we can do this? The conference leaders were very enthusiastic over this idea, and I hope we can come up with an innovative suggestion that could be carried through with total League involvement.

What steps can we take to develop a program? What should be high priority topics for suggestions? In which way can we develop League concepts and goals to coincide with the Declaration of Independence concepts? These are the ideas we need to consider.

One obvious way organizations can participate and contribute to the Bicentennial effort is to point speaker selection for state conventions, regional meetings, etc. in the direction of the Bicentennial program over the next four or five years. Here is where we could make a contribution with no additional expense as it is something already incorporated into our League plans. One way in which we could take advantage of this idea would be to get a national or international speaker on a share basis with the conference member institutions, sharing the expense and services of a speaker. Perhaps this is one proposal we could make. The possibilities are really exciting.

We will need to report back on our degree of interest, what if any ideas we wish to submit for high priority consideration and in what way we can participate in the developmental planning of this program.

With this in mind, I am requesting that you come prepared to suggest substantive areas for study at the state Board meeting. Following are my recommendations on several points concerning participation that we need to think about and comment on:

I. (1) If we decide to participate, we need to develop some kind of Bicentennial organization and have someone who can speak for the League in any future discussion of the program -- in other words, a liaison person in addition to Veta, who can represent her in her absence and who can help coordinate efforts. Remember this will be a program lasting over a four or five year period.

(2) We ought to have a small but representative group from different areas of the state to make up a statewide steering committee to make decisions and give direction to any program we may develop or be invited to participate in.

II. Questions we need to ask ourselves:

(1) What kinds of things can we do without using additional money?

(2) What issues do we have in our own program that could be enhanced with additional resources (seed money) that could be developed with our own techniques and expertise?

By late spring it is hoped that the conference committee will have collected a package of ideas, after investing a little of the seed money which they have received. They will then take a coordinated package or plan to the foundations in time for their September meetings. It is then hoped that with a large state-wide organization developed, they can go en masse to the foundations to acquire additional financial backing in order to implement the proposed plans such as seminars, forums, international and national speakers, etc. It is predicted that a million or two dollars will need to be raised to carry the program out over a four-year span starting in 1972.

What the committee members would like to see us do as quickly as possible is generate ideas that might become solid proposals, which could be coordinated with or be incidental to programs being planned by the universities and colleges.

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LWV of Texas
June 1971

To: Local League Legislative Chairmen
From: Mrs. John A. Anderson, Chrm. Action Evaluation Committee
Re: Questionnaire on LL Legislative Action

An ad hoc committee is evaluating the League's program to action process. We need your help in assessing the League's role in the last legislative session. Please answer the following questions as honestly as possible, so that we can try to get a true picture of legislative action for our evaluation. Return to Mrs. William B. Lecznar, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] by July 1.

1. Who served as LL Legislative Chairman during the last Session?

League	Name
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- Did one person serve throughout the entire session? _____

If you answered "No", who started the session and who completed the term? _____

2. How did you handle a Time For Action when it arrived? _____

3. What are your ideas about the Legislative Newsletter? _____

A. Number of issues _____

B. Format? _____

C. Length? _____

4. How would you evaluate the Lobby School?

A. Do you think it is better to have a smaller more intensive working school or try to expose as many members to lobbying as we can?

B. Do you think regional Lobby Schools are feasible?

C. What would you suggest including in the next Lobby School?



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5. How would you evaluate Legislative Day?

A. How was the timing (Feb. 24) within the session from your viewpoint?

B. What were the highpoints of the Day?

C. What would you like to see included in a future Legislative Day?

6. How did you motivate individual League members to take legislative action?

7. Do you have any indication to what extent individual members took action?

8. Did your Local League answer all the Time-For-Actions?

9. Please include any other comments to help improve the League's legislative action role.



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February 1971
Presidents Mailing
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To: Local League Presidents & Legislative Chairmen

From: Mrs. Thomas Brasher

Re: Legislative Office "Shower"

So many things have been needed in setting up the Legislative office that it was suggested at the January Board meeting that we should have an "office shower".

For those of you coming for Legislative Day it would be an appropriate time to come bearing gifts for this purpose since our budget is limited.

The following is a list of things we desperately need:

- Electric clock (or green stamps toward one)
- Desk lamp " "
- Wire or wood "in and out" desk baskets
- Address stamp for Legislative office
- Date stamp and ink pad

We can also use erasers, typewriter correction tape, typewriter cleaning fluid, thumb tacks, paper clips, staple remover, colored marking pens, ruler, heavy duty extension cord, scotch tape, small wall blackboard, chalk and eraser, ash trays, scratch pads, pens and pencils, letter opener and holders for clips, pens, etc., and a desk calendar.

If anyone has a typewriter, we sure could use it!

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TCR - Judicial Reform (Ann Bury)

Wait and see what comes out.

Representative Government - Apportionment or Redistricting

Support - S.C.R. 1 by Mauzy - Introduced 1-13-71. Memorializing Congress to disregard S.C.R. 24 of the 59th Legislature relating to apportionment of the Legislature. (Copies to be sent to Committee)

We do not feel that we want to "splinter" ourselves. Will wait and see what happens.

A recommendation was made to the Board that the top priority items for action in the 62nd Legislature would be: I. Voter Registration

II. & III. Human Resources
Quality of Environment

Mrs. Brasher requested that resource chairmen send her any evaluations or comments on any of the commission reports coming out of the various commissions or interim committees.

The Board agreed that wherever possible we would seek alliances in League action, or cooperate with other organizations that request our support on League related items.

LEGISLATIVE NEWSLETTERS

It was decided that the first Legislative Newsletter would be printed and sent out from the State Office, with plans being made for the legislative office to get out later copies. There will be at least five copies with the subscription price of \$2.50 including the Times for Action.

The Legislative Newsletter will go to: Local League Presidents
Local League Legislative Chairmen
State Board
- all complimentary

Subscribers

To date there are 20 subscribers. It was decided that we are committed to League action in the Newsletter, even tho there may be non-League subscribers. The Newsletter will be charged to Publications, including postage. The subscription income will also go to Publications.

A discussion was held here on the definition of President's Mailing. The Board decided that two copies of everything will go to each local League ... one copy to the President, and one copy to the Vice-President or other person designated by the President, mailed directly to each. Other Board members or members could get the PM on subscription.

*Legislative
Hunter*

February 3, 1971

To: Resource Chairmen cc: SO, Bubis

From: Brasher

✓ As soon as a support position is established on a bill, please notify the sponsor so that we will be notified if a hearing is coming up immediately. Things have been happening before we know about them. They can notify the office, me or Nancy Holmes, or you.

If you do not subscribe to the Public Affairs COMMENT, published by the Institute of Public Affairs, please write to the Institute, University of Texas, Austin 78712 for the January 1971 issue on Legislative Interim Committees by Delbert A. Taebel. Single copies are free. It is a good case history on an interim committee.

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To: Hunter, Brand, SO
From: Bubis
Re: Consensus coming up!
1/27/72

Consensus deadline for B & C is Feb. 10 and for Air Feb. 13. Legislative Day is Feb. 24. Realize we didn't plan ahead very well--but think the members attending legislative day are going to want to know what the positions are, particularly those on air and on the reorganization of the natural resources agencies.

Perhaps the SO can shoot the report forms to the two of you as rapidly as they can, and you can begin collating results as fast as you can and we can have something to give orally to these attending Legislative Day. This would have to be unworded consensus...just the idea.

It is very easy to put personal prejudice into the consensus positions. The best way to guard against this is to put down on paper an exact count of the number of Leagues who are saying particular statements. For purposes of consensus, there are certain natural groups--you'll have to look for these. I will also be getting the reports and will be doing the same thing you are on this end, so we can compare results obtained separately. Where there are discrepancies, we can go back and look again.

Peg, your State Board Report was great! We need that kind of enthusiasm transmitted to the local Leagues. Hope your hand is better. We missed you in Salado.

Veta has sent Peg a copy of the environmental coalition report from Houston. I spent a lot of money off a conference call to Cronquist and Keever going over this report in detail and saying what we could or could not do under our consensus and what they could do under their consensus. Fortunately we were in substantial agreement about the possibilities for action--if anything I was more lenient than they were. We also discussed Ned Fritz' comments about the report. The biggest question Ned and I both have concerned the first section, which is self-defeating. Ned says the air section is good, but that their bill is bad.

At Board meeting, we discussed goals for the legislative session. I was very sorry you weren't there to put in your two cents. We did make the sewage treatment grants one of the top priority items. Another thing we discussed was some sort of coordination of the activities of the natural resource agencies. Some of this, Helen, will need to wait on your consensus report. Although we have precedence in acting on this--national did on the Environmental Council. Peg, you'll also get in the mail or post Board the new water consensus. We had quite a discussion about the ecological master plan. I suspect the question was asked wrong--that Leagues were really trying to say that they wanted ecology taken into account. Some Leagues said this outright. They do support an ecological master plan and this is part of the ecological soundness. Somewhere in your files, make a note of this so it won't be lost for future generations.

Both of you will be receiving shortly a number of bills for analysis. In analyzing them, try to use the brief format you'll find in the Legislative Newsletters in the past. Then you'll have to decide to support, oppose, fyi, or ignore. Copies of your analyses go to Brasher, CC chairman, Bubis and Winick.

If either of you have anything you particularly think the League should be supporting, let Chris know.

To: Local League Presidents & Legislative Chairmen

From: Mrs. Thomas Brasher

LWV of Texas
August 1970
Presidents mailing
(2 copies each)

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from: may

re: questionnaire to LLs on state legislative action and roll call analysis

As those of you present at the June Board meeting know, the legislative committee recommended that we send a questionnaire to LLs to find out just what they are doing to implement the legislative program. We simply do not know insofar as any detail is concerned. We also recommended sending out a roll call analysis of important League bills. The latter has been held up because the House Journal for the last three or four days has not yet come out. So far it appears that the only roll calls of interest other than those already sent (on Voter Registration in the Senate) are on HB 211 in the House. As Barbara Bubis suggested we may get by with xeroxing those and not bother with any special format as originally planned.

Please comment on the following questions suggested for the questionnaire.

1. Who is responsible in your League for coordinating local League legislative action during the legislative sessions?
 - a legislative chairman?
 - a legislative committee and chairman?
 - Program Vice President?
 - Vice President other than Program?
 - President?
 - Other? (Specify)
2. What kinds of action are taken when a Time For Action is received from the State Office on state legislative program?
 - official letter from the President is sent to your League's legislators?
 - a telephone committee calls individual members urging them to take action
 - the unit chairmen are alerted to make announcements at unit meetings
 - a letter-to-the-editor or open letter to legislators is sent to the local newspaper
 - other (Specify)
3. If your League failed to respond to one or more Times For Action on state program during the last session, give reasons for each failure to respond.
4. Does your League hold some kind of pre-session group meeting with your legislators? If so, please describe this meeting. *during*
5. Does your League hold some kind of post-session group meeting with your legislators? If so, please describe this meeting.
6. Is someone or some committee responsible for legislative action between sessions of the legislature? If so, who? and what duties are performed?
7. How many copies of Times For Action on state program does your League need?
8. How frequently should the Legislative Newsletters be prepared and mailed to local Leagues?
 - weekly
 - monthly
 - bimonthly
 - other
9. Please include any comments on how the SB could serve LLs more effectively in implementing the state legislative program.

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LWV of Texas
State Convention
April, 1970

LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATION

Mrs. Francis B. May

THEME. My theme today (in my swansong as state legislative chairman) is that we League members should, can and must rededicate ourselves to vigorous and responsible state legislative action. This theme has been heard before and will be heard again at this convention.

The theme is not new. However, something new has been added to the theme today. It is the change in the environment in which the League is operating. This environment is undergoing very rapid change, which in itself tends to breed violence and crisis, as noted by the National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence, as well as by others.

Texas is inescapably caught up in the crisis. Change is occurring rapidly here as elsewhere. More specifically, since we are concerned about state legislation and the League, the Texas Legislature and state legislation are changing. One index of this, which I have noted before, is the increasingly heavy volume of legislation processed by the Texas Legislature. This is a reflection of unprecedented demands now being made upon our state decision-makers.

Also, as I have noted before, the League program has continued to expand, as League members have attempted to meet the new challenges of the day, until it too has reached a new record in length and complexity. The combination of a record volume of legislation and a long and complex League program just about killed us off during the last Regular Session of the Legislature. You may recall an article in the New Yorker magazine a few years ago in which the persistent and successful efforts of the New York State League to get a new voter registration system were reviewed. The title of the article was, "We darned near killed Luella!" This is very appropriate for us. We darned near killed me last session.

The fact that we were swamped was the immediate reason, although by no means the only one or even the most important one, for the appointment of a statewide ad hoc committee to study and to recommend changes in the way in which we are organized to lobby at the state level. I would like to recognize the members of this committee at this time and to tell them how grateful we are. Mrs. James Lancaster of Austin is chairman. Other members are Mrs. John Anderson of Lubbock; Mrs. Ray Duke of Victoria; Mrs. Laurence Perrine of Dallas; and Mrs. George Watterworth of Houston. Acting as consultants to the committee were Mrs. James Harvey of Austin and Mrs. Thomas Brasher of San Marcos.

LEGISLATIVE EFFECTIVENESS. One of the problems we face when lobbying before the Texas Legislature is ourselves: We have met the enemy and they is us, to quote a certain well-known marsupial. Too many League members are convinced that they cannot possibly be effective. They say that we

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lack the resources to compete against the oil companies, TSTA, and all the others in the pressure group system. They say that we are also sadly lacking in political "savvy" because we are not involved in politics as an organization that supports or opposes candidates and political parties.

The statewide ad hoc committee to which I referred a moment ago frankly recognized the obstacles to our effectiveness, referring to them as restraining forces. But the committee did not throw up its hands in despair. It also recognized what we have going for us, referring to these as driving forces; and further, the committee recommended ways in which we could marshal our resources for greater success in the legislature.

I think what we need at this time, among other things, is a good dose of objectivity: How do others see us? We do not have a good objective study of the League of Women Voters of Texas, but we do have of the LWV of the US and some other Leagues.

One of these studies is incorporated in a highly regarded political science work on the politics of foreign trade. It is entitled, American Business and Public Policy by Bauer, Pool and Dexter. The book is a study of the impact of pressure groups, public opinion, communications and political leadership upon our reciprocal trade legislation from 1952 to 1962. Chapter 27 is devoted entirely to the LWV and is entitled, "Ladies of the League." In this chapter the authors tell us what the League did to promote free trade policies and the effectiveness of the League, as perceived by the authors.

The authors were very complimentary of the League for its activities on behalf of free trade policies. The League was described as by far the most active group on either side of the trade controversy. It was estimated that more than three-quarters of the Congressional mail in support of reciprocal trade originated with the League. The League was praised for its research on trade, which was described as generally good. The expertise of some League members was recognized. (It was always a surprise, they said, to discover that a charming housewife was also a trained economist.) Most of the new information on trade during the period came from the League, the authors said. The League was also very skillful in its use of the mass media. It was very imaginative in reaching its members and the public. Mock congressional hearings and surveys of local businessmen were some of the unusual methods described. Further, the League was regarded with some awe because its members were courageous enough to beard the lion in his den -- that is, to approach known protectionists in an effort to change their minds.

The authors then attempted to evaluate the effectiveness of all these League activities. First, they noted that it is very difficult to assess the real impact of the League upon public opinion because it is roundabout and long range. (I call this the drip, drip, drip effect: The long, slow way of influencing opinion.) However, it was agreed that the League was very successful in stimulating and enlightening its own members and that it undoubtedly had an effect upon others as well. For one thing, "The League succeeded in establishing itself in many quarters as the spokesman for the general interest in the reciprocal trade controversy in much the same way that other organizations established their claim to speak for various special interests."

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But all was not beer and skittles. The authors found that the League had not made much of an impression upon businessmen. Although businessmen would probably know the position of the League, rarely did they voluntarily refer to the League or to women's groups in their discussion of foreign trade policy. (The League had low salience.) Some members of Congress flatly refused to acknowledge that the League had any impact at all or even that League members knew anything at all. To quote from two of these legislators:

"The League isn't...a potent force, and all their letters are so stilted, right out of a textbook."

"Women's organizations have no significance on Congressmen on RTA (reciprocal trade act)...These women appear before the committees talking 'peace' and 'more world trade,' but the slightest questioning on economic issues can instantly embarrass them. Since the Congressmen are chivalrous, they don't press the lady but let her go on her way."

The authors say that these men were very unfair to the League; nevertheless, the League does meet with obstacles in influencing members of Congress. The authors attempted to analyze this. They said that League members have two advantages: They are women and they are identified with the general interest. However, these advantages can also be disadvantages when it comes to influencing members of Congress on foreign trade policy. They explained it this way: Most members of Congress agreed that free trade is in the general interest; but they felt that they had to do something about the people in their own districts who thought that they were being injured by foreign imports. They realized that there was a conflict between the special interests of people of their district and the general interest. "For such men," said the authors, "the League's insistence on the general interest was only a source of irritation, since it accentuated rather than reduced their conflict. In this situation the sex of the League's members and their devotion to the general interest stood them in poor stead, since it enabled the congressmen in conflict to dismiss them as 'lady do-gooders,' urging an impractical course of action of a man who saw himself compelled to be concerned with the welfare of a few dozen or hundred constituents who were having serious trouble."

Many of the observations of the authors of the book, American Business and Public Policy, are no doubt applicable to our situation in Texas although we do not normally have to deal with knotty problems of world trade and the conflict between special and general interests necessarily involved therein.

We too have certain advantages and disadvantages because we are women. We are treated courteously most of the time and afforded a hearing. (I remember one instance in which a prominent Senator shouted rather loudly at me during a committee hearing; later he called up to apologize. He wanted to be sure that he had not offended me in any way. The hour was late; the day was hot. I assured him that I had not been offended.) On the other hand, many of the men simply assume that we do not know the grubby realities or the practicalities of politics. At the Capitol Scoops session last year you may remember one League member saying that the legislator at her table thought the League members were naive because they thought that if a bill were good, it would automatically pass. I don't know of any of us engaged in League lobbying who believe this. As a matter of fact, the reverse is true. If the bill is

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good, it certainly won't pass! But anyway, this was the perception of the legislator: League members were impractical do-gooders, unaware of the realities of politics.

As true of the LWV of the US, we are identified with the public interest. One candidate for Governor told our President, Mrs. Joor, that we were the "conscience of Texas." I think that we should be proud of this. It used to be fashionable among political scientists to say that selfish, special interest groups automatically served the public interest by competing among themselves in the legislative arena (and elsewhere in government). This is no longer so fashionable. It is recognized that the sum of the special interests is not the public interest. It is recognized that most people are not directly represented by special interest groups. According to one estimate, 90 percent of the people do not belong to a special interest group directly involved in politics. It is recognized that the "left-overs" of this interest group system are often the poor and the minorities. It is also recognized that special interest groups don't necessarily compete with one another either. It is not uncommon for special interests to have unrelated concerns; that is, one interest will not be hurt by what happens to another. When it comes to spending the public money, this can well result in a raid on the public purse unless restraints are applied from the outside and in the public interest.

What we need is a strong sense of the public interest if justice is to be served. I repeat: I am proud that we are identified with the public interest. There is something wrong with the system if this is regarded as bad. The system, not the League, needs changing.

I am also tired of people saying that we are ineffective. It depends entirely on what we are trying to do. What are we being ineffective at? We might pause to reflect that Governor Connally, regarded by some as the most powerful governor Texas has ever had, was unable to get his number one legislative plank adopted: Texas Constitutional Revision. Are we to be regarded as inherently ineffective because we cannot do this either?

It is hard to measure our effectiveness, as the authors of the book I reviewed a few minutes ago, said. For one thing, we take on hard tasks. We move against the grain or against the tide, as it were, because we are challenging the status quo. We are working for goals that are hard to achieve. We are doing so because we believe that these are the right goals, not the expedient goals for Texas. They are in the public interest.

Also, in a fundamental sense we are pursuing high ideals: The ideal of active and informed participation in government. Ideals serve real purposes and should not be discarded as do-goodism. They give us stars to which to hitch our wagons. They give us standards by which to judge our behavior. They help to make us better people. To quote Goethe, "When we take man as he is, we make him worse; but when we take man as if he were already what he should be, we promote him to what he can be." So let's keep our faith... in democracy and in pursuing the public interest in Texas.

Even though we have a rough road in the Legislature because we pursue the public interest, we are still regarded as effective. I think we should emphasize this. Let us not drop dead because some lobbyist or some legislator thinks we are not. Let me give you a few examples. (1) Last week a former state Senator called me to invite me as the League's lobbyist to speak to

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his university graduate class. As a Senator he had been very much impressed by the League, and he wanted his class to hear how we operated. (2) A lawyer who is a member of a firm with members who are very active in local and state politics told me that the LWV of Texas was regarded as one of the most influential groups in Texas. (3) A state Senator, now serving in office, told a law firm that the LWV of Texas had been very active in support of a certain issue and the law firm got in touch with me immediately. (4) A legislative intern assigned to the Governor's Office a few years ago told me that in his research he found that the League had already been studying and publishing in the areas of his concern. He asked me to send him all the League literature I could. He was assigned to prepare bills to be introduced as part of the Governor's program; so in a sense the League was there.

MODERNIZATION. However, there is no doubt that we need to evolve into a more effective lobby organization in order to meet the challenges of a rapidly changing environment. Please read carefully the report of the ad hoc committee. It contains specific recommendations for change. Also, look over the Legislative Report in Workbook II, particularly the summary of questionnaires mailed to local Leagues last August. The local Leagues had good suggestions for improving our legislative effectiveness. And further, please attend the Little Lobby Learn-Ins this afternoon. We have prepared very useful information for you on specific techniques and specific experiences. We are going to tell you like it is in the Texas Legislature.

CONCLUSION. You may recall that I began my presentation by referring to the Theme that we League members should, can and must act vigorously and responsibly in state legislation. Let me conclude by saying that if there is the will, we will find the way. We are the ones who must act. The responsibility falls upon us to be effective lobbyists in the Texas Legislature.



Legislative

League of Women Voters of Texas



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MRS. WILLIAM E. JOOR, President

January 9, 1970

Dear State League President:

The Texas League is evaluating its techniques in influencing state legislation and we would be most appreciative if you would aid us by filling out the attached questionnaire and returning it in the enclosed envelope.

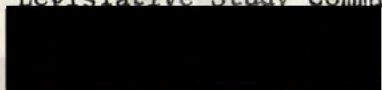
It would also be very helpful if you could send us samples of your legislative newsletter or other tools you use for lobbying and informing your membership to this end. We get quite a bit of information from your VOTERS, but this additional information will be most helpful to our study committee.

Thanking you in advance, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. William E. Joor

Enclosure: Envelope addressed to:
Mrs. James G. Lancaster, Chairman
Legislative Study Committee



QUESTIONNAIRE FROM LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

January 1970

State League Person Reporting Title

Do you have a Legislative Chairman on your state Board? _____ Does she
usually live in the Capitol? _____ Do you maintain a state office? _____
Where? _____ If not in the Capitol, do you maintain a separate
legislative office in the Capitol? _____ Year round? _____ During
Legislature? _____ Do you employ personnel for legislative work? _____
Part time _____ Full time _____

During a legislative session do you communicate regularly with your members? _____
How often? _____ through local Leagues? _____ directly to members? _____
(We would greatly appreciate a copy of one of your legislative newsletters.)

What efforts do you make to inform your members about effective lobbying? _____

Do you interview legislators before each session? _____
Who does this interviewing? _____ When? _____

Do you make any attempt to contact legislators from communities where you have
no local Leagues? _____ How? _____

Do you present your total legislative program in some form to the legislators
besides in interviews? _____ How? _____

Has any legislation that your League is largely responsible for writing ever
been introduced? _____ Do you make special efforts to write legislation? _____

Do you testify frequently at committee hearings? _____
at interim study committee hearings? _____

Who usually testifies? President _____ Leg. Chm. _____ Committee Chm. _____

Do you usually have someone at the Capitol periodically to talk to key legis-
lators and officials? _____ Who? President _____ Leg. Chm. _____ Committee Chm. _____

Do you contact legislators in between sessions? _____ How? _____

What efforts do you make to distribute voting records of legislators on your
issues? _____ on other key issues? _____

What do you think are your main problems in being effective as a League in
influencing state legislation? _____

(Mail to: Mrs. James Lancaster, Chairman, Legislative Study Committee,
_____)



TO: State Board

FROM: Janice May

RE: Legislative and National/State Bylaws
Pre Board for September 1969

LWV of Texas
September 1969

1. Legislative

Ad hoc committee. The members of the ad hoc committee to study and make recommendations concerning our League structure for handling state legislative action has been appointed. They are Rose Lancaster of Austin, chairman; Adelyn Duke of Victoria; Betty Anderson of Lubbock; Jan Watterworth of Houston; and Catherine Perrine of Dallas. I expect great things from this excellent committee. I am hopeful that we can find money somewhere to finance a face-to-face meeting.

Questionnaires. A questionnaire was prepared, approved, and sent to LLs in August. As presented to the Board in June, it seeks to elicit information on LL handling of legislative action on state items. The deadline for replies is Sept. 15, income tax day. So far 4 returns have come in: Tyler, Houston, Longview, and Corpus Christi.

Special Sessions. During my vacation in August when I was out of the state, Christene Stanford of Austin handled the mail from the Texas Legislative Service and was briefed on how to act if the Legislature did something of interest to the League. Nothing happened within League Program during the first session. At the time of writing, things are beginning to stir, and 1 or 2 bills of League interest are in the works. I will keep tabs on them. (It was unfortunate that I was not here to observe the first special session. From the reports it must have been a raucous and riotous affair--pickets, signs in the galleries, the 15-14 vote for a sales tax on food in the Senate and public reaction thereto, rough name-calling over the mike in the House, a proposed censure resolution, a jump upon the press table by a representative during House debate, fisticuffs in the rear of the House chamber, etc. The image of the Texas Legislature has not improved as a result of all this!)

Roll-Call Analysis. The roll-call analysis we talked about at the June SB meeting has not been prepared. It took forever for the House to send me the Journals. By the time they came I was deeply involved in my research project which took me out of town for 2 weeks. I do hope to present something at the September SB meeting. The Texas Observer is preparing a complete roll-call analysis of votes on the tax propositions before the Legislature during the special sessions. This should be of interest to us.

2. National and State Bylaws

Keep in mind that we must propose changes in the Bylaws at this SB meeting if we plan to propose any. Those of you attending the Dallas meeting on structure and procedure ought to have some ideas. The LWV of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, has proposed the following change in the national Bylaws:

Article IX - Sec. 2: Sec. 2 Composition. The Convention shall consist of:
(a) the delegates chosen by the members through the local Leagues in the number provided in Section 4 of this Article; (b) three delegates chosen by the Board of each state League; (and) (c) one delegate from each Inter-League Organization; and
(d) the members of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

Those of you attending the state Convention in San Antonio remember the hassles we had there over state Bylaw changes. Should we incorporate the one man, one vote principle into our own constitution: I have an open mind on changes and welcome all suggestions.

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In addition to supporting the preceding proposal of the LWV of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, the Council of the Gulf Coast Regional LWV submits the following recommendation for amendments to the national Bylaws to the SB for their consideration. We are proffering these proposals to the SB because only state and local League Boards may submit proposals for changes to the Bylaws.

ARTICLE XIII Program

Sec. 3. Convention Action.

- (a) Local, inter-League organization, and state League Boards may make recommendations for a Program to the Board of Directors at least five months prior to the Convention.
- (b) The Board of Directors shall consider the recommendations and formulate a proposed Program which shall be submitted to the local, inter-League organization, and state League Boards at least two and one-half months prior to Convention.
- (c) Recommendations for changes submitted by local, inter-League organization, and state League Boards and received by the Board of Directors at least three weeks before the opening of the Convention shall be considered by the Board prior to the Convention at which time the Board may change the proposed Program.

NOTE: Underlining denotes amendments.

REASONS:

1. The concept of allowing League people who do not directly represent the membership through a local Board to submit Program suggestions and to vote at Convention is not new. State Boards enjoy this privilege.
2. The ILO Board is similar in some respects to the state Board.
 - a. The ILO Board is made up of capable and experienced Leaguers.
 - b. The ILO Board works somewhat independently of the local League Boards and is not knowledgeable concerning all the things that are being done in each local League. However, a good ILO Board will be quite aware of areas of common concern and will attempt to guide the LLs toward a pattern of effective cooperation in order to attain common goals.
 - c. Suggestions may be made by the ILO to the LL, but this is the extent of their influence.

Therefore, because the leaders in an ILO are experienced Leaguers, because their outlook is based upon a regional approach, and because they cannot directly affect the decision making of the LL, the ILO Board should be given limited power to participate in the decision making process in order that their expertise may not be lost.

3. ILO's have come upon the scene and are becoming an important part of the scene as metropolitan areas grow and become increasingly aware of the need for cooperation among local governments. There are over 50 ILO's organized throughout the U.S. Although they cooperate in the areas of VS, PR, and finance, one is astounded to see the kinds of program items that have been adopted, the positions that have been reached, and the action that is being taken under the auspices of the inter-League organization. An ILO is not a loose organization that exists simply for the sake of existing. As in other levels of organization of League, the ILO exists to accomplish. However, it is a fact of League life that we have good Leagues and that we have not-so-good Leagues. In Texas we have a not-so-good ILO, and the SB should take this into consideration when making its decision concerning this request. The Council urges you to make your decision based on knowledge of the work and accomplishments of the ILO's throughout the U.S.

NOTE FROM JOOR: Article XIII Sec. 2. Should this section be deleted?

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TO: Local League Presidents, Program Vice Presidents, and Legislative Chairmen

FROM: Mrs. William E. Joor, President, and Mrs. Francis B. May, Legislative Chairman

RE: Questionnaire on State Legislative Action

LWV of Texas
August 1969

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We are confident that all local Leagues will benefit from the exchange of information which will follow from publishing the results of the questionnaire.

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To: Brient, Bubis, Fritz, Martin, SO
From: May
Re: Legislative Questionnaire

8-3-69

I have heard only from Genie Fritz and Ruth Joer about the proposed questionnaire to LLs on legislative action. I presume then that all are satisfied with it. I am sending to SO and Ruth Martin the questionnaire as you each saw it plus a heading and other necessary additions. Above is a copy of the proposed cover letter. If you have suggestions, please send them to SO. I am leaving for vacation on August 6 and will return on August 31.

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[REDACTED]
July 25, 1969

Mrs. Francis B. May
[REDACTED]

Dear Janice:

I like your questionnaire very much, and have no suggestions for changes. Hopefully, we will get some replies. It would, indeed, be interesting to know how Leagues did respond to Times for Action and other legislative duties.

Please forgive me for not answering your question re what H.B. 240 contained as to our position on compensatory programs for pre-school children. I did not know, even after reading the bill, and never did get around to seeking an "expert" opinion from Dallas, since you indicated that you already had consulted an expert.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Edward C. Fritz

cc: Martin, Brient, Bubis, SO

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9-21-69

TO: Brient, Bubis, Fritz, Martin, SO

FROM: May

RE: Legislative Committee Agenda and Replies to Letters from Brient and Bubis

Tentative Agenda

- (1) Review results from questionnaires to LLs
- (2) Suggestions from this committee to the ad hoc committee on legislative action (if any are deemed desirable)
- (3) Legislative Day, 1971 (See SOS)
- (4) Probable content of special four-page section of February 1971 Voter (see Noe's Report on Budget Proposals)
- (5) Discussion of support of HJR 22
- (6) Roll Call Analysis
- (7) Note on Texas Observer's special roll call analysis -- what we should do about it, if anything
- (8) Anything on 1970 Convention -- legislative report, e.g.

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Replies

- (1) To Brient -- I called Jan McGrew, Research Director of the Texas Research League, about the proposed brochure on planning. He said he could not make an intelligent reply until he saw what we had in mind. He suggested that we send him a copy. He will be very happy to let a couple of his men review it for its possible impact on the public. I said we would let him know in the next couple of weeks whether we would send it to him for evaluation.
- (2) To Bubis -- The personnel of all interim committees is reported to us by our Texas Legislative Service. We have not heard from them and so I presumed the people had not been appointed. To make sure I called the Service and was informed that I was right -- no one has been appointed to the two study committees we are concerned about. In fact, one of the Fish brothers (Jim, I think) opined that a number of these interim committees will never get activated. He was not prepared to say that out two would be given the axe.

See you all in Houston.

The Legislative Briefs were Trs good!

Janice

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LDV of Texas
August 1969

QUESTIONNAIRE TO LOCAL LEAGUES REGARDING LEGISLATIVE
ACTION ON STATE PROGRAM

Name of League _____

Name of League President _____

Name(s) and Position(s) of the Person(s) Completing the Questionnaire:

Date _____

Please return two copies of this questionnaire to the state office on or before
September 15, 1969. Retain the third copy for your files.

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1. Who is responsible in your League for coordinating local League Legislative
Action during the legislative sessions?

2 legislative chairman (9)
____ legislative committee and chairman
3 program vice president (8)
____ vice president other than program vice president
1 president (12)
4 other (Please specify) (7)

2. What kinds of action are taken when a Time for Action is received from the
state office on state legislative Program?

1 official letter from the president is sent to local League's legislators
____ a telephone committee calls individual members urging them to take action
3 unit chairmen make announcements and urge action at unit meetings
____ a letter-to-the-editor or open letter is sent to the local newspapers
2 other (Please specify) *poster*

3. If your League failed to respond to one or more Times for Action on state
Program during the last regular session of the Legislature, give reasons
for each failure to respond.

Lack of woman power
hadn't studied
useless

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4. Does your League hold some kind of pre-session group meeting with your legislators? _____. If so, please describe this meeting so that all local Leagues may benefit.

most don't

5. Does your League hold some kind of post-session group meeting with your legislators? _____. If so, please describe this meeting so that all local Leagues may benefit.

6. Does your League write notes of commendation to your legislators when they vote the "League-way" or for other action of which the League approves? no ^{is say} yes

7. Is someone or some committee responsible for legislative action between sessions of the Legislature? yes If so, who? _____
What duties does she or they perform? _____

8. How many copies of Times for Action on state Program does your League need? 3

9. How frequently should the Legislative Newsletters be prepared and mailed to local Leagues?

few weekly

☒ monthly

____ other (Please specify)

____ biweekly

____ bimonthly

10. Please include comments about how the state Board could serve local Leagues more effectively in implementing state Program requiring legislative action.

avg member needs prodding - Subscription service
roll call votes
too many TFA

COVER LETTER TO GO WITH THE ROLL CALL ANALYSIS

To: Local League Presidents, Program Vice Presidents, Legislative Chairmen
From: Mrs. Francis B. May, Legislative Chairman
Re: Roll Call Analysis on Selected Issues Before the 61st Texas Legislature

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To: Brient, Bubis, Fritz, Martin, SO
From: May
Re: Roll Call Analysis

10-17-69

Finally, I have prepared a roll call analysis. I am sending a copy only to the SO and Ruth Martin. If anyone of you want a preview, please let me know and I will xerox a copy. A copy of the cover letter appears above. The roll call analysis covers eight roll call votes, five in the House and three in the Senate. The bills and resolutions included are HJR 8 (annual sessions) -- in both houses; SJR 15 (voter registration) -- in Senate only; HE 211 (voter registration) -- three votes in the House only; and HJR 3 (deadwood from Constitution) -- both houses. A "Yes" vote was a League vote or a "right" vote on all issues, which makes things a little simpler.

Thanks for the card

TO: State Board

FROM: Janice May

RE: Legislative
Pre Board for June 1969

LWV of Texas
May 1969

I think my Legislative Newsletters and Times for Action have kept you fairly up to date on developments in the Legislature. Just a few late developments: Voter Registration improvements look dead for this session. I wouldn't be surprised if we passed nothing, but I am still hopeful of passage of HB 211. I got the word last week that SJR 13 is dead in the House. The Leadership is opposed. Despite his hard work, Senator McKool was unable to get an influential House member to sponsor it. He finally got Representative C. L. Ray, Jr., of Marshall, whom I don't know. The resolution has not been set for a hearing this week, and for all I know it won't be. The chairman of the House Constitutional Amendments Committee is opposed to repeal. We must look to the future. I feel confident that we can get the county clerks to oppose annual registration because their legislative committee supports HB 1155 (HB 1170), which pretty much gets past annual registration. But this will take time--we will have to go to the courthouses during the next two years.

Another late development: another amendment has cleared the houses, making 11 so far this session. It concerns the judiciary.

A further development: Dick Cory virtually assured me that the "Buy American" bill is dead.

Ruth Joor has requested that I appoint the committee to study the organization of the state legislative action program. I have been unable to get to that task but I will shortly.

The Brazosport League asked me about League support of SJR 8, the amendment raising the public assistance ceiling. I turned this over to Genie Fritz.

The Tyler League sent a request for information about the August 5 election on amendments to the Texas Legislative Service, which routed it to me. I sent what information I had.

June 2 is the adjournment date for the Legislature. I will have a post mortem ready for you by Board time.

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS
1841 BINGLE ROAD
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77055

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SELECTED ROLL CALL VOTES ON LEAGUE-SUPPORTED ISSUES

LWV of Texas

61st Texas Legislature--Regular Session (1969)

October 1969

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

	<u>No. 1</u>	<u>No. 2</u>	<u>No. 3</u>	<u>No. 4</u>	<u>No. 5</u>
Abraham, Canadian	N	N	N	N	Y
Adams, Jasper	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Allen, Baytown	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Allen, Longview	N	N	N	N	N
Allred, Wichita Falls	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Angly, Austin	Y	N	N	N	Y
Archer, Houston	N	N	N	N	Y
Armstrong, Austin	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Atwell, Dallas	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Atwood, Edinburg	N	N	N	Y	Y
Baker, Fort Stockton	N	Y	N	Abs.	Y
Bass, Houston	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Bass, Ben Wheeler	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Beckham, Denison	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Bigham, Temple	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Blaine, El Paso	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Blanton, Carrollton	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Braecklein, Dallas	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Braun, Houston	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Bray, Pasadena	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Burgess, Nacogdoches	Y	N	Abs.	Y	Y
Burnett, Arlington	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Caldwell, Alvin	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Calhoun, Abilene	N	N	Abs.	N	Y
Carrillo, Benavides	Y	Y	Y	Abs.	Y
Cavness, Austin	Y	N	N	N	Y
Christian, Claude	N	N	N	N	Y
Clark, Houston	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Clark, Dallas	Abs.	Y	Y	Abs.	Y
Clayton, Springlake	Y	N	N	N	Y
Cobb, Dumas	N	N	N	Abs.	Y
Cole, Greenville	Y	Abs.	Y	Abs.	Y
Cory, Victoria	N	N	Abs.	Y	Y
Craddick, Midland	N	N	N	N	Y
Cruz, Houston	Y	Y	Y	Abs.	Abs.
Cummings, Houston	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Daniel, Liberty	Abs.	Y	Y	Y	Y
Davis, Houston	N	N	N	Abs.	Y
Davis, Austin	Y	N	N	N	Y
Dickson, Sweetwater	Y	Abs.	Abs.	Abs.	Y

	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	No. 5
Doran, Del Rio	N	N	N	N	Y
Dramberger, San Antonio	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Earthman, Houston	N	N	N	N	Y
Evans, San Antonio	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Farenthold, Corpus Christi	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Finck, San Antonio	N	N	N	Y	Y
Finnell, Holliday	Y	N	N	N	Y
Finney, Fort Worth	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Floyd, San Antonio	Y	N	N	Abs.	Y
Garcia, Raymondville	Abs.	Y	Y	Y	Y
Golman, Dallas	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Graves, Houston	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Hale, Corpus Christi	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Hannah, Lufkin	Y	Abs.	Abs.	Y	Y
Harding, San Angelo	N	N	N	Abs.	N
Harris, Galveston	Y	Abs.	Abs.	Y	Y
Hawkins, Groesbeck	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Hawn, Dallas	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Haynes, Vidor	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Head, Henderson	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Heatly, Paducah	N	N	N	N	Y
Hendricks, McKinney	Abs.	Y	Y	Y	Y
Hinson, Mineola	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Holland, San Antonio	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Holmes, Granbury	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Holmes, Dallas	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Howard, Texarkana	Y	N	N	N	Y
Hubenak, Rosenberg	Y	Y	Y	Abs.	Y
Hull, Fort Worth	N	N	N	Y	Y
Johnson, San Antonio	Y	Y	Y	Y	Abs.
Jones, Lubbock	N	Abs.	Y	N	N
Jones, Houston	N	N	N	Y	Y
Jones, Abilene	N	N	N	N	Y
Jungmichel, La Grange	Y	N	N	Present	Y
Kilpatrick, Beaumont	N	Y	Y	Abs.	Y
Knapp, Amarillo	N	N	N	Y	Y
Kothmann, San Antonio	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Kubiak, Rockdale	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Lee, Houston	N	N	N	N	Y
Lemmon, Houston	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Ligarde, Laredo	Y	Y	Y	Abs.	Y
Lombardino, San Antonio	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Longoria, Pharr	N	Abs.	Abs.	Y	Y
Lovell, Crockett	N	N	N	Y	Y
McAlister, Lubbock	Y	Abs.	Abs.	Y	Y

Roll Call Analysis

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	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	No. 5
McDonald, Edinburg	N	N	N	Abs.	Y
McKissack, Dallas	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
McLaughlin, Fort Worth	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Moore, Hillsboro	Y	N	N	N	Y
Moore, Dallas	Y	Abs.	Y	Abs.	Y
Moore, Waco	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Moreno, El Paso	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Moyer, Amarillo	N	N	N	Abs.	Y
Muniz, El Paso	Y	Y	Y	Abs.	Abs.
Murray, Harlingen	Y	N	Y	Abs.	Y
Musgrove, Breckenridge	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Mutscher, Brenham	Y	--	--	--	--
Nabers, Brownwood	Y	N	N	N	Y
Neugent, Texas City	Y	Y	Y	Abs.	Y
Newman, Cuero	N	N	N	Abs.	Abs.
Nichols, Houston	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Niland, El Paso	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Nowlin, San Antonio	Y	Y	Y	Abs.	Abs.
Nugent, Kerrville	N	N	N	N	N
Ogg, Houston	N	N	N	Y	Y
Orr, De Soto	Y	Y	Y	Abs.	Y
Parker, Port Arthur	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Parker, Denton	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Patterson, Taylor	Y	N	N	N	Y
Pendleton, Andrews	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Pickens, Odessa	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Pickett, Karnes City	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Poerner, Hondo	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Presnal, Bryan	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Price, Palestine	Y	N	Y	Abs.	N
Ratcliff, Dallas	Y	Y	Y	Abs.	Y
Ray, Marshall	Y	Abs.	Y	Y	Y
Reed, Dallas	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Rosson, Snyder	N	N	Y	Abs.	Y
Salem, Corpus Christi	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Salter, Gatesville	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sanchez, Brownsville	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Santiesteban, El Paso	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Schulle, Kyle	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Semos, Dallas	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Shannon, J., Fort Worth	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Shannon, T., Fort Worth	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sherman, Fort Worth	Y	Y	In Chair	Y	Y
Slack, Pecos	N	N	N	Y	Y
Slider, Naples	N	N	N	N	N

	<u>No. 1</u>	<u>No. 2</u>	<u>No. 3</u>	<u>No. 4</u>	<u>No. 5</u>
Smith, Beaumont	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Solomon, Mt. Vernon	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Stewart, Wichita Falls	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Stroud, Dallas	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Swanson, Houston	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Tarbos, Lubbock	Abs.	N	Y	Abs.	N
Thomas, Waco	Y	Y	Y	Abs.	Y
Traeger, Seguin	Y	N	N	Abs.	Y
Truan, Corpus Christi	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Uher, Bay City	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Vale, San Antonio	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Vance, Pasadena	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Ward, Glen Rose	Y	N	N	N	Y
Wayne, Plainview	Y	N	N	N	Y
Weldon, Port Arthur	Abs.	Y	Y	Y	Abs.
Wieting, Portland	Y	N	N	N	Y
Williams, Galena Park	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Williamson, Tyler	N	Abs.	N	N	Y
Willis, Fort Worth	Y	Y	Y	Abs.	Abs.
Wright, Grand Prairie	Y	Y	N	Y	Y

Y = Yes. N = No. Abs. = Absent. Present = Present But Not Voting. In Chair = Member Presiding in Absence of the Speaker. -- = Speaker Not Voting. A "Yes" vote is a pro-League of Women Voters' vote or a "right" vote.

- No. 1. HJR 8, by Solomon, Hinson, et al. Annual Legislative Sessions. Vote on Third Reading and Final Passage. 4-15-69. Total: 101 - 42. Passed.
- No. 2. HB 211, by Stroud, Price et al. Year-Round Voter Registration and Other Changes. Vote on Motion to Table an Amendment by Jones of Harris which would delete all significant provisions from the bill. 5-27-69. Total: 79 - 60. Motion Carried.
- No. 3. HB 211. (See No. 2 Above). Vote on Motion to Table an Amendment by Finney which would cripple the bill. 5-27-69. Total: 80 - 60. Motion Carried.
- No. 4. HB 211. (See No. 2 Above). Vote on Third Reading and Final Passage. 5-30-69. Total: 90 - 29. Bill Passed House.
- No. 5. HJR 3, by Cory. Removal of Certain Deadwood from Texas Constitution. Vote on Third Reading and Final Passage. 4-2-69. Total: 134 - 8. Passed.

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	<u>No. 1</u>	<u>No. 2</u>	<u>No. 3</u>
Aikin, Paris	Y	N	Y
Bates, Edinburg	N	Y	Y
Bernal, San Antonio	Y	Y	Y
Berry, San Antonio	N	Y	Y
Blanchard, Lubbock	Y	N	Y
Bridges, Corpus Christi	Y	Y	Y
Brooks, Houston	Y	Y	Y
Christie, El Paso	Y	Y	Y
Cole, Houston	Y	Y	Y
Connally, Floresville	Y	N	Y
Creighton, Mineral Wells	N	Abs.	Y
Grover, Houston	N	N	Y
Hall, Rockwall	Y	Y	Y
Harrington, Port Arthur	Y	Y	Y
Harris, Dallas	Y	N	Y
Hazlewood, Amarillo	Y	Abs.	Y
Herring, Austin	Y	Y	Y
Hightower, Vernon	Y	Y	Y
Jordan, Houston	Y	Y	Y
Kennard, Fort Worth	Y	Y	Y
Mauzy, Dallas	Y	Y	Y
McKool, Dallas	Y	Y	Y
Moore, Bryan	Y	Abs.	Y
Patman, Ganado	N	Y	Y
Ratliff, Stamford	N	Abs.	Y
Schwartz, Galveston	Y	Y	Y
Snelson, Midland	Y	Abs.	Y
Strong, Longview	Y	Y	Y
Watson, Waco	N	Y	Y
Wilson, Lufkin	Y	Y	Y
Word, Meridian	Y	Y	Y

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- No. 1. HJR 8, by Solomon, Hinson, et al. Annual Legislative Sessions.
Vote on Third Reading and Final Passage. 4-15-69.
Total: 24 - 7. Passed.
- No. 2. SJR 13, by McKool et al. Repeal of Annual Voter Registration Requirement.
Vote on Third Reading and Final Passage. 4-29-69.
Total: 21 - 5. Passed Senate.
- No. 3. HJR 3, by Cory. Removal of Certain Deadwood from the Texas Constitution.
Vote on Third Reading and Final Passage. 4-16-69.
Total: 31 - 0. Passed.

TO: Local League Presidents (copies enclosed for Legislative Chairmen and
Program Vice-Presidents)

FROM: Mrs. Francis B. May, Legislative Chairman

RE: Official State Legislative Interviews -- 61st Legislature

LWV of Texas
November 1968

Enclosed are lists of State Senators and Representatives in the 61st Legislature with their district numbers and names of local Leagues within their districts. Also enclosed are copies of the Legislative Opinion Report Form (Form 1) and the Legislative Biography Report Form (Form 2). Local Leagues with an assignment to interview a Legislator are urged to fill out the forms and return two copies of each to the state office by January 1, 1969.

In many instances there is only one local League within a district. If your League is one of these, you are automatically assigned to make the official interview. In those districts where Leagues share the same Representative or Senator, the League assigned to undertake the official interview is indicated by underlining (senators) or by being mentioned first (Representatives). We urge all Leagues within the same district to exchange ideas and participate in some manner in the interview process. If a League in a multi-League district cannot undertake the interview, arrangements should be made for another League in the district to fill in as a substitute.

It is well for League interviewers to be well versed in State Program, League procedures and League purposes. Please bear in mind that the primary purpose of these interviews is to obtain opinions and advice from our State Legislators. It is all right to inform the Legislator of our positions, but this is not the primary purpose of the interview.

We cannot stress too much the importance of your filling in the forms and returning them to the state office. They are invaluable to us in our work with the Legislature during and between sessions. Please remember that January 1 deadline!

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