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MORE IDEAS TO HELP LEAGUES WITH LOBBYING

Within a local League, organize a telephone committee to alert members when letters are needed. Remember, ONLY THE PRESIDENT CAN SPEAK OFFICIALLY FOR THE LEAGUE. Members are encouraged to participate as individuals. For example, the FSG committee might want to respond as individuals to bills on school finance, or property tax reform; the criminal justice committee on court reform; the natural resources committee on coastal management bills. Responses must be immediate, though--a letter or telegram after a vote is too late!

If one of your legislators is on a committee and is opposed to a League-supported bill, urge the legislator to vote it out of committee so that a free and full debate can be held on the floor of whichever house is involved. Appeal to their sense of fair play and true democracy.

The League's strength has always been its reputation for having the facts about an issue. Legislators are aware of this and do respect our opinions. As new FACTS & ISSUES are published, hand-deliver them to your legislators--a perfect excuse for a visit and some PR. The legislator may not be with us this time, but might be on another issue.

The ultimate responsibility rests with local League members. The Legislative Director and the Capitol Corps can keep you informed, but the individual legislator will usually vote the way he/she thinks the "folks back home" feel about an issue. Your opinions are necessary and are respected.

Over, please

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"HOW TO BE HEARD"

Taken from a 1971 American Civil Liberties Union communication to its members. These proven techniques are suggested for Members of Congress, but also apply to state legislatures.

1. Write or interview your senator and representatives, asking them to reply with statements of their positions. Pass these on to state office or national office.

2. Get to know the staff in your senator's and representatives' home offices. Tell them your views. They're an important channel of communication.

3. Take advantage of weekends to visit, formally or informally, with your legislators while they are home from Austin.

4. Enlist friends and major supporters of your legislators--urge their support of League-favored bills.

5. Write letters to the editor of your local newspaper--an oft-forgotten free forum.

6. Urge local newspapers, television and radio to give editorial support to the bill.

7. Interest reporters and columnists in the problem in general and the bill in particular.

8. Form coalitions with other interested groups. (We are doing this on the state level for ERA bills.)

9. Get coalition members and other community groups to issue statements endorsing the bill. Send this statement to your legislators. Bring it to the attention of the press.

10. Urge your friends and associates, as well as your local League, to join you in any or all of these steps.

Over, please

LWV of Texas
October 26, 1976
LLPresidents, Memb. at Large
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TO: LL Presidents, Members at Large
FROM: Barbara Nobles, Legislative Director
RE: Lobby Learn-ins

All learn-ins will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

They are scheduled as follows:			Person to Contact
November 8	Midland	Faculty Lounge of Midland College 3600 N. Garfield (student center bldg. with copper roof)	Betty Sheeler [redacted]
November 12	Harlingen	Sheraton Inn 83 Expressway, west of Harlingen	Jewel Spilman [redacted]
November 16	Houston	Joske's Post Oak Auditorium Galleria on Westheimer, off Loop 610	Carol Van Pelt [redacted]
November 17	Austin	YMCA 1100 W. First, just west of Lamar bridge	Pat Oakes [redacted]
November 20	Dallas	West Dallas Library 2332 Singleton Blvd. (see map encl.)	Rita Aldana [redacted]

Anyone is welcome to any of the regional meetings--they will all have the same format. PLEASE LET THE HOST LEAGUE KNOW HOW MANY ARE COMING FROM YOUR LEAGUE. MALs, PLEASE LET THE HOST LEAGUE KNOW IF YOU ARE COMING TO ONE OF THE MEETINGS. If you need to spend the night, you are responsible for your own arrangements.

Members at large are especially invited and requested to bring what information you can about representatives and senators in your areas. The Legislative Office needs all the info we can get on legislators that are not covered by organized Leagues.

If you have had time to complete your legislative interviews, please bring them with you to the meeting. Also, be thinking about the concerns of the average constituent from your area. (League members are anything but average!) This will help the Capitol Corps and your legislative director establish a better rapport with your legislators.

I am looking forward to these Lobby Learn-ins, because I hope to learn as much as you do. Austin can be very isolated from what the rest of the state thinks.

Barbara Nobles (Mrs. Donald)
Legislative Director
[redacted]

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* SEE THE MAY '76 STATE BOARD REPORT

The five regional Lobby Learn-In workshops will be held in:

Midland	Monday, November 8
Harlingen	Friday, November 12
Houston	Tuesday, November 16
Austin	Wednesday, November 17
Dallas	Saturday, November 20

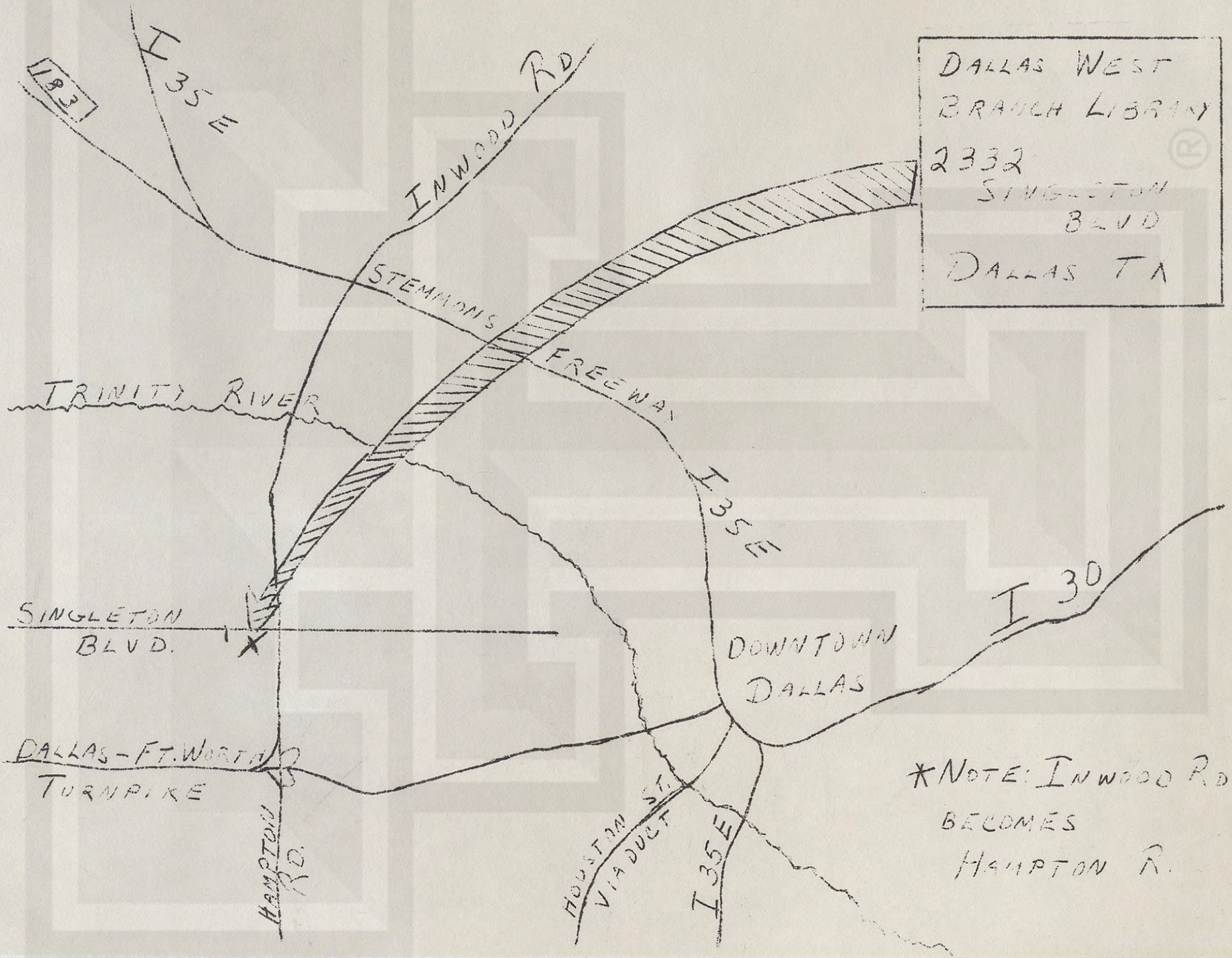
The workshops will run from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Bring a sack lunch.

The exact locations will be sent to you with the next LL President's mailing. Mark the day that you want to attend on your calendars now.

The importance of local League lobbying, the function of the Capitol Corps, priorities, how to handle opposition, and handy "where's" and "how to's" while in Austin will be discussed. An excellent film on "The Governmental Process: The State Legislature", prepared by the Connecticut LWV with Aetna Life and Casualty will be shown. One of your local legislators will be asked to speak to us about what it is like to be a legislator. We will discuss bills we know will be coming up and why we may or may not support them.

As you can see, we are planning a full and fun day for our Lobby Learn-In. I will be there to learn from you who your legislators are, what their main interests are, and the best ways to approach them.

See you there!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Lobby Day

MEMORANDUM FROM:

League of Women Voters of Texas

DICKINSON PLAZA CENTER • DICKINSON, TEXAS 77539

November 18th

To: Diana Tilley, Action Coordinator, Austin (SO, Brasher, Anderson, Higgins, Sugihara)
From: Meg Titus
Re: Go-See Tour in connection with Lobby Day

As I indicated in our brief conversation in Arlington, there seems to be lots of interest in a tour, but as several have pointed out, there's that matter of money. Though Dallas Power and Light would be delighted to show us around the strip-mining area near Fairfield, the general feeling seems to be it will take too much time and money, and we had therefore best plan it as a separate tour at another time.

Someone, I'm not sure who, thought a combined tour via a charter tour bus of both the fusion and the fission research projects would be a godd alternative, and I hearily agree. Dr. Drummond, of the fission project, not only seems happy to have us but will be available to talk to us. You mentioned being able to find out about the fission research area, and about the possibility of bus chartering for the two. Henrietta Cragon had sent me some information about bus charter fees which I'll enclose as a starting point for you. It was really great of you to offer to find out about all this for us.

I noticed in Marty's assignment sheet for the January Voter that there was a space for 40 lines on Lobby and Legislative Day, with a deadline of the first week in December. If we had some information soon, we could squeeze the tour info into this article--OK, Chris? And, Chris, if you're in Austin you might call Diana to see what she has found out. Thanks again for offering to help us get the whole thing organized.

75- Lobby School

Wednesday, March 5, 1975

Women Voters To Learn, Apply Lobbying Skills

Members of the League of Women Voters of Texas are meeting in Austin through Wednesday noon to learn about lobbying and to apply their newly learned skills on state lawmakers.

Tuesday, the women heard short speeches on subjects ranging from child abuse to campaign spending laws.

Department of Public Welfare Commissioner Raymond Vowell told the league members that child abuse in Texas is an "epidemic."

"One battered child a day is seen at the Brackenridge Hospital Emergency Room here in the state's capital," Vowell said.

He presented slides about child abuse and the toll-free reporting telephone number — 1-800-3292-5400.

Ron Jones, director of Coastal Zone Management for the State Land Office, told the women how to work with state agencies.

He suggested that they "sort out" various members of boards or commissions running state agencies to find the real leaders.

Some board members, he said, are policy makers. Others like to get involved in the day-to-day workings of the agency, Jones explained, while others don't really know what is going on.

He urged the women to lobby the member that is up on the latest issues, who really knows what is going on. This person, Jones said, is not always the board chairman.

During the afternoon, the women discussed various league legislative priorities including constitutional revision, public school financing, environmental quality and voting rights.

Wednesday morning, the league members will tour the University of Texas Nuclear Center and will later return to the Capitol to lobby with legislators.

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The time we call the Middle Ages lasted for 1,000 years. The first few hundred years, until about 800, were often called the Dark Ages.

Feb. 27, 1975

TO: Local League Presidents and PR chairmen (or legislative chairmen)
FROM: Kathy Leabo, public relations VP
RE: Press release for Lobby School/Legislative Day

The enclosed release has been sent to the wire services and to those newspapers who have correspondents in Austin. If it reaches you in time, please release it to your local media also--after you have inserted the names of your members who are planning to attend. If it's too late for your local deadline, it can still be used as the basis for a post-LS/LD release--if you insert some noteworthy quotes.

Lobby School/Legislative Day

If you want to feel the pulse of state government . . . see important officials in person . . . and get a sense of the "Big League" – make plans **now** to attend the League's Lobby School/Legislative Day March 4-5, 1975.

Within this two-day time slot you will: (1) be briefed by state board members on the current status of legislation of interest to the League; (2) see and hear state officials; (3) lobby your own senators and representatives; (4) participate in the feedback session (an exchange, chapter and verse, of what our lawmakers are saying); (5) gain new insights from panel discussions or workshops on lobbying our priority items, and (6) escape briefly from your humdrum routine – to return convinced that the League goes where the action is, and even creates some of it!

Details of the two-day agenda will be sent to local League presidents as soon as plans are firm. Tentative plans for a tour of the University of Texas Nuclear Fusion Center are also being considered.

Tell your local president you'd like to come – to lobby and to learn.

League Members Run

In response to a September survey of League members active in politics, 15 Texas Leagues reported seven members who were candidates for elected office and 23 who were incumbents – some of them running for reelection at the time.

The office breakdown went like this: city council, nine (including a mayor); school board, nine; state legislature, four; county clerk, two; justice of the peace, two; and one each for district clerk, county treasurer, county commissioner, and party county chairman.

Of the four running for state legislature, two were incumbents; all four were elected.

The San Marcos League, with three incumbents and four candidates, appears to have done the best job of encouraging its members to become politically active. Dallas had four members running for office; Austin and Bay Area, three each; and the following Leagues reported one or two: Baytown, Beaumont, Denton, Galveston, Lubbock, Orange Area, Sherman, Tarrant County, and Wichita Falls.

Election Night Reporting

by Bunnie Sawin
Election Night Coordinator
for LWV/Texas

The League of Women Voters teamed up with ABC News to project the outcome of the November election by reporting key precincts in the state. These key precincts are selected by ABC political scientists, statisticians, sociologists, and computer experts.

Each key precinct is part of a statewide sample that is a miniature of the state in terms of factors which yield voting patterns – geography, urbanization, religion, ethnic background, economic level, and past voting history. These demographic data are stored in a computer.

When an election reporter telephones the voting returns from her key precinct on election night, the returns are also entered into the computer to compare the new results with the stored data. This enables ABC political scientists to detect the trend of the voting well in advance of the final outcome.

Texas had 94 key precincts to report, and we can be very proud that 100% of our sample was reported. This was due to the resourcefulness and determination of the election night reporters, many of whom faced considerable local difficulties and long distances to drive.

While coordinating this project for the League of Women Voters of Texas was both interesting and challenging for me, the real success story belongs to each local League and its group of reporters who gave their time and extra effort to reporting the vote in their assigned precincts. They each deserve much of the credit for the highly accurate projections by ABC news.

GREEN LIGHT FOR STATEWIDE FUNDRAISING

by Jeannette Naman
Finance Chairman

Statewide fundraising is gearing up for "go"! Selected prospects are on target to become GRAND FRIENDS of the Texas League – if they will only give a GRAND – or a piece of one!

If one of these targets is in your area, give us your support and cooperation: information to background our contact, a local Leaguer to assist us in making the contact, or follow-up and perhaps Voters Service if the contribution is forthcoming.

YOU are a vital part of the state League's finance effort. We need you working with us, and we want to work with you to make statewide fundraising an all-out effort by all the Leagues in Texas.

Speaking out for the Equal Rights Amendment at a Nov. 14 press conference in Arlington were (left to right): National LWV Action Chairman Ruth Sims, National LWV ERA staff member Mary Brooks, Oklahoma LWV President Helen Arnold, and Texas LWV President Veta Winick.

CALL

To the Fifteenth State Convention of the League of Women Voters of Texas

The Fifteenth Convention of the League of Women Voters of Texas will be held in El Paso April 15-17, 1975, at the Holiday Inn. This is the formal call to all Texas Leagues to participate in this convention.

Under the Bylaws (Article VIII), the convention shall consider and authorize for action a program, elect officers and directors, and adopt a budget for the ensuing year, and shall transact such other business as shall be presented.

Notice of official delegate strength of each local League will be based on membership as of January 1, 1975, and will be sent to local Leagues in February 1975. (See State Bylaws, Art. VIII, Sec. 4).

State Board Memo

Brasher

Kissinger

EDITOR'S NOTE:
The purpose of this column is to give state board members a chance to discuss the aims and goals they have for their portfolios.

Chris Brasher
Legislative Chairman

So often before the legislature convenes I hear, "Gee, how I wish I lived in or near Austin so I could do what you're doing. You are really where the action is!" And so I am.

As your peripatetic legislative chairman, preparing for the 64th regular session, I am again looking to the state capitol as my second home for the next six months.

The fall of 1974 was a busy one, including attendance at a national action workshop, ERA coalition meetings, interim committee hearings on school finance, election reforms and various other meetings; making preparations for opening the legislative office and staffing it with a secretary; organizing the Capitol Corps; analyzing the legislative interviews; planning Lobby Day/Legislative Day; and coping with all of the other varied and sundry business of the League.

In June I will complete my fifth year as your legislative chairman. My experience has taught me, among other things, that a lobbyist walks a lot, so you learn to wear sensible shoes, as the capitol is a **big** building. A lobbyist also smiles a lot, talks a lot, listens a lot (cries some), and learns a tremendous amount!

Since the state legislative chairman cannot turn into twins or quadruplets – which is what is needed when two or more hearings the League wants to attend are held at the same time – and since so many issues come to a "boil" at the same time, it is not only essential but also morale-boosting to have charming, intelligent, and energetic Austin Leaguers fill in as volunteer observers. The Capitol Corps this year promises to be a great force, especially since many of them learned the ropes during the recent ill-fated constitutional convention. We have more legislation of public interest than any other lobby group, but this is what you have asked for through the years in your program-making decisions. So these Leaguers will divide up responsibilities for keeping track of legislation and preparing material for the **Legislative Newsletter.**

In consultation with the state League president, the program vice president, and the program item chairmen, I have the ultimate responsibility for determining which bills among our priority items the League will support or oppose. **Action Alerts** will be sent out when official action by your local League is desired, but you can always write or talk to your legislators as an interested citizen – without any reference to the League – and sometimes this is the most effective lobbying of all!

There is no way that legislators can keep up with hundreds of bills during a session, so we must always be in close touch to keep them informed on legislative issues of importance to League members. It **does** make a difference when you write letters. **And it makes a difference that there is a League Legislative Office in Austin.**

Besides learning that lobbying is fun and effective, I feel that having an office in Austin has contributed greatly to the fact that the League has grown in stature, is much more action-oriented, and will continue to be cogent in important League-related issues.

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So when the 64th convenes on Jan. 14, to face the congeries of legislation introduced, we will be there again, acting as the eyes and ears and voice of the state League, and geared up for the battles ahead.

Martha E. Kissinger
Texas VOTER Editor

What makes a League bulletin editor?

First of all, she can type! And spell. She can write a good sentence, rewrite a poor one, communicate with a mimeograph machine (or a printer), meet deadlines under pressure, and make decisions without crying. (Which parts of a beautifully-written article will be omitted – or whose article will be left out entirely because there's not enough space?)

She's curious. If a chairman says, "Feel free to sit in on the planning meetings," the editor will appear. It helps to know what's going to happen from the beginning. She sits well back at a general meeting or tour, making a "body count." Then when she asks the chairman to write about the event, she can supply the vital statistics. The chairman was presiding over the meeting or leading the discussion or guiding the tour and has no idea how many finally appeared.

She's adaptable. She can type stencils or run a mimeograph at 2:00 a.m. if necessary, because that's the only way there is to get the bulletin out on time. She can't imagine getting ready for Christmas without copy for the January issue in her typewriter. She accepts on-time copy gratefully, late copy gracefully, and juggles space available in her head till she finds just the right around of information to fill her bulletin.

I've enjoyed the jobs I've held in my 10 years as an active League member – because my finger was usually in every League pie. The editor is (almost) always welcome. She knows ahead of time what's going to happen (sees the nominating committee report before anyone else!) and feels a very great responsibility for getting news to the members.

Of all the reams of paper that go out from state office, my bulletin is the only sheet that goes into the home of every League member in Texas. There's so much I'd like to tell you about the League of Women Voters of Texas that just won't fit in the Texas VOTER. I hope you feel I've chosen well.

Feb. 27, 1975

News from: THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS
Legislative Office
308 W. 15th Street, Room 400
Austin, Texas 78701

For more information call: 472-2206

For release: March 3, 1975

Lobby laws as well as effective lobby techniques will be up for discussion tomorrow (March 4) when League of Women Voters members from communities throughout the state assemble in Austin at the First Methodist Church for the League's two-day Lobby School/ Legislative conference.

This year's workshop, starting at 10:30 a.m., will concentrate on lobbying in the areas of constitutional revision and school finance. Problems of child abuse will also be considered. There will also be discussion of campaign spending laws and proposed election laws. The public is invited to attend all workshop sessions.

Speakers will include Secretary of State Mark White on election laws, Rep. Ray Hutchison on constitutional revision, Dr. Earl Lewis on school finance, Welfare Commissioner Raymond Vowell on child abuse, Ron Jones, director of Coastal Zone Management, on working with state agencies, and Terry Goodman and Gaines West, both from the Secretary of State's office on lobby and campaign spending laws.

Lt. Governor William Hobby and House Speaker Bill Clayton are scheduled to welcome the expected 100 participants.

Molly Ivins, co-editor of the Texas Observer, will speak at a 7 p.m. dinner at the Stephen F. Austin Hotel.

A lecturing tour of the University of Texas Nuclear Center is part of the second day's schedule (March 5). It will be conducted by Dr. Peter Riley and William Drummond of the UT Physics Department.

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A schedule of speakers and events is attached.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

LOBBY SCHOOL/LEGISLATIVE DAY

March 4-5, 1975

March 4

8:30-11 a.m.	Registration--First Methodist Church, 12th & Lavaca
10:30-11 a.m.	Welcome by Veta Winick, LWV of Texas President Raymond Vowell, Welfare Commissioner: Child Abuse
11-11:30 a.m.	Ron Jones, Director of Coastal Zone Management, Office of the Land Commissioner: How to Work with State Agencies
11:30-Noon	Terry Goodman, Secretary of State's Office: Lobby Laws Gaines West, Secretary of State's Office: Campaign Spending Laws
Noon-1:30 p.m.	Lunch on your own--if with legislators, DUTCH TREAT ONLY
1:30-3:45	Welcoming Remarks: Lt. Governor William Hobby House Speaker Bill Clayton Dr. Earl Lewis: Lobbying Aspects of School Finance Rep. Ray Hutchison: Constitutional Revision Mark White, Secretary of State: Proposed Election Laws with Emphasis on Voter Registration
4-5:30 p.m.	Priority Items Action Session--an open discussion on League priority legislation
7 p.m.	Dinner at Stephen F. Austin Hotel Speaker: Molly Ivins, Co-editor, Texas Observer

March 5

8 a.m.	Bus leaves Stephen F. Austin Hotel for UT Nuclear Center. Tour conducted by Dr. Peter Riley and Dr. William Drummond, UT Physics Department. Bus will return to Capitol at 11 a.m.
8-10 a.m.	Registration for late arrivals who are not going on tour. Ask at Capitol information desk for room number.
10-10:30 a.m.	Legislative briefing
10:30-Noon	Free time to observe legislature in session and to lobby with legislators.

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March 20, 1975

Dr. Earl Lewis
Urban Studies Department
Trinity University
[redacted]

Dear Dr. Lewis,

Thank you so much for taking time out from your busy schedule to speak at our Lobby School. I regret exceedingly that I was unable to be there, especially since I have heard such good reports of your talk. We are certain that your talk helped our common goal of school finance reform by providing necessary cross-fertilization of ideas.

We are looking forward to further communications between our two groups in the effort to provide for equal educational opportunity for all children in Texas.

Sincerely yours,

Jan Wilbur, ch.
Public School Finance
[redacted]

FEB 3 1975 January 31, 1975

To: Program Core, SO (Anderson, Brasher, Higgins, Titus, Connor, Coker, Morgan Farmer, Leabo, Wilbur)
From: Sugihara
Re: Lobby Day: Priority Action Session 3:45 - 5:30 p.m.

After Board meeting adjourned on Thursday, Jan Wilbur and I put together an outline of sorts on what could be done during the hour and forty-five minutes alloted to program briefing. This is only our suggestion and we are receptive to any alternatives that you offer.

We made these assumptions:

1. If we take a coffee break at 3:30 p.m. when the speakers leave, it is unlikely that we will get everyone to settle down before 4:00 at the earliest.
2. Everyone will have had enough of speakers and will be ready to speak themselves. Our job will be to channel discussion along productive lines. (If 200 are present, it really will be a job!)

Before we break for coffee, we should announce that signs indicating program areas will be posted in different parts of the room. We will regroup after coffee according to program interest so that those interested in EQ legislation will be concentrated in one area, those who want to push school financing in another area, and so forth. After we are reassembled

1. Program chairmen and lobby corps will be introduced as resource people.
2. Presentation of lobbying techniques by Kathy Leabo
   a. Direct communication--letters, in-person contact, testimony to committee, telephone, and most important, follow-up and through to the end.
   b. Indirect communication (home-brew division)--contacting persons to whom legislator listens or from whom he takes advice, letters to editor of local paper, TV panels with or without legislator present. (Stress importance of letting program chairman know what was done so she can follow through)

or

3. Free discussion: (moderated by ~~Kathy~~ Anderson,/Brasher) Lobbying for specific bills. Each program chairman will be responsible for knowing the status of legislature and chances for passage so that she can respond to questions. (formal briefing reports from each chairman are not necessary. The newsletter will cover most of it anyway) We can help this along, program chairmen, by planting good questions to be asked by friendly local Leaguers.
4. If the discussion threatens to bog down, or acoustics are bad, the program chairmen and lobby corps will head for the particular groups where discussion will be pursued.
5. If 5:30 comes upon us too quickly because of good discussion, we will suggest that those who want to leave can leave, and the remaining people will talk in their program groups.

CHRIS: Which room at the church will be used for this meeting--upstairs or downstairs? Please let Jan or me know, so we can draw a diagram for microphone and sign placement.

Lobby School

The State of Texas

Office of the Lieutenant Governor

Austin

WILLIAM P. HOBBY
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

February 7, 1975

FEB 10 1975

Ms. Chris Brasher
Legislative Chairman
League of Women Voters of Texas
[redacted]

Dear Ms. Brasher:

Thank you so much for your letter inviting me to participate in the LWV's lobby school on March 4th.

I accept with pleasure and have marked my calendar for the 1:30 p.m. session. If you have any questions or need any information, please give Mr. Jason Perlman of my office a call at 475-2997.

Sincerely,

cc: Mrs. Darvin M. Winick, President

FEB 10 1975

February 4, 1975

To: Program Core, SO, Anderson, Sugihara, Brasher, Higgins, Titus, Connor, Morgan, Farmer, Leabo, Wilbur.
From: Coker
Re: Lobby Day: Priority Action Session

I think the schedule that Chris had planned sounded great, but I agree that you can't keep a group that size and that active quitely listening to speakers all day and expect to have a good crowd at the dinner for yet another speaker.

The plan set forth in Fumi's letter seems fine and will give everyone a chance for some interaction. I do think that Kathy's presentation will be of interest to all those present and that we should break up into smaller groups as soon as possible thereafter for discussion. I always enjoy visiting with Leagues from anywhere about items of mutualinterest and I bet the rest of you look forward to it as I do.

I am delighted to have a chance to join the free discussion groups and it is really a good way to close the day.

I do think that out of deference to our speaker that we must break up on time to encourage maximum participation in the evenings activities. If we linger past 5:30 , some will be tempted to skip the dinner (even if it is paid for already) just because they are tired and don't have time to dress up and feel fresh. See you all in Austin.

Chris, I know you have all you can say grace over. If I can help at all, I plan to be in Austin sometime the week of the 17th so just let me know.

Bobbette et al, let me know as soon as you get the bills on the county zoning and ETJs what is your pleasure because I am trying to keep the Board of Realtors from taking a stand until I can have a chance to fill them in on all the anticipated legislation. I'd hate to be supporting with one hand and opposing with the other (I am not active or visible in the legislative committe of the GBR but still I can have some input and my dollars go to their lobbying effort.) Right now they haven't taken a stand but they will and the Steelman bill is due to be presented again in the House. Pure land use .

Kathy, When you and Jeanette do the folder on the finance thing, hope you will let Jane and Helen and me know what the contents will be so we can look at the possibility of increasing the quantity for resale if they like it for LL use.

Betty A., I would like to know which way you want me to go on the counterpart breakfast. I submitted to Helen a plan for the Publications Workshop, but since they are probably cancelled and we will have the breakfasts I wondered. I think that the only reason that we had any people at the S/L R table in Irving was because they ran out of other places to sit(sad as it is). But on the other hand, Marty can do the Publications thing with the Voter Editors as well if not better than I. Name your pleasure and I will inform Helen and Jane as it relates to their plans. Thanx.

Annie, Need labels for Morgan, Farmer, Wilbur & Stock. I have about 100 each - now if it's that the printer dept. (In case anyone else came by to pick them up.)

FEB 7 1975

To: Fumi, SO, Anderson and program core
From" Meg Titus
Re: Lobby Day Action Session

You and Jan did a great job getting a plan on paper. I agree that things won't get rolling till probably four and you therefore need to make the most of the remaining time. I don't remember that I mentioned to you that I will not be able to be in Austin those two days. My husband's manufacturing group invites wives to one meeting each year--this one is in Puerto Rico--I can't bear not going--and I can't bear missing Lobby Day either. Lousy timing.....I gave Bobette all the correspondence about the nuclear tours, and I'll send her some info about air and water legislation. I don't really think I need to, though, as she can handle all of it with ease.

Bobette: Do you think all EQ legislation can be handled in one discussion group, or would you prefer that air and water meet separately--perhaps with Ashworth and Dogget--or with Pearl, Nancy Gelbach, or some other off-board committee member attending. Brenda is still doing water in Houston and probably will be coming. I'll not send anything but a last minute resume of the status of the bills before I leave on the first, unless you think you need some help. Our stuff is so inter-related that I would sort of favor one big EQ group meeting unless you think it would be TOO big and unwieldy. If the meeting is held in the same church as two years ago, I'd do some worrying about the acoustics--especially if you use the la rge upstairs room for all groups.

I wrote Mary Lubes today — she'll be expecting a board report.

PS I have no Nelbus nor Farmer name tags.

TO: ANDERSON, BRASHER, SO
FROM: CONNER
RE: CRITERIA TO USE AS GUIDELINES FOR CONSIDERING BILLS, RESOLUTIONS CALLING FOR A CITIZNES CONVENTION

1. A limit on campaign time for delegates - 30 to 60 days.
2. Convention must produce a document for the Voters approval or disapproval.
3. a convention composed of 100-200 delegates.
4. convention length - 3 -6 months.
5. non-partisan election of delegates.
6. candidates to be elected by a plurality vote.
7. Candidate when he declares for office has a choice of either paying a filing fee or presents a petition with _____ signatures. (the figure 500 was mentioned by the committee) I would suggest 500-1000.

PRESENT POSITIONS

1. The calling of the convention should be approved by a majority of the voters, voting thereon. (convention be submitted every 20 years)
2. The legislature shall provide by law for; the election of one or more delegates from each legislative district, the number of delegates to be decided on by the legislature preceding the convention.
3. The assembling of a preparatory commission, its size and membership to be determined by the legislature.
4. the appropriation of sufficient funds for the work of the convention and the commission.

ALSO DECIDED BY BOARD: That state league can support a bill, resolution that calls for a citizens convention, but does not submit the question of convening the convention to the voters for their approval or disapproval.

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Feb. 1, 1975

Dear Governor Briscoe,

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The lobby school begins March 4 at 10:30 AM at the First Methodist Church, 12 and Lavaca. We would be proud to have you attend the opening session, so President Vita Winick can introduce you and you can briefly address the women who have traveled from around the state to Austin.

To convenience you, you may call the LWV legislative office (472-2206) here in Austin to confirm your plans.

We are eager to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Chris Brasher,
Legislative Chairman
LWV-Texas

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Feb. 1, 1975

Office of the Secretary of State

Dear Mr. White,

The League of Women Voters of Texas is planning a two day lobby program for its members to exchange views with their representatives in Austin March 4-5.

The lobby school begins March 4 and will be held at the First Methodist Church, 12 and Lavaca.

We would appreciate hearing your suggestions for changes in voter registration laws. Our leagues have been studying Texas elecdtion laws and would find your remarks very pertinent. We would like yo you to use 40 minutes as you wish for remarks and questions and answers, and we would like you to speak during the session from 1:30-3:30 pm.

For your convenience you may call our legislative office (472-2206) here in Austin to confirm your plans.

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Office of Lieutenant Governor

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We would appreciate your discussing campaign finance laws as they affect lobbying by groups like the LWV. Our members would like lucid, simple explanations of this law. We would like for you to speak to us from 10-11:30 AM dividing the time into remarks and questions and answers as you wish.

For your convenience you mmy call the LWV legislative office (472-2206) here in Austin to confirm your plans.

We are eager to hear from you.

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Chris Brasher,
Legislative Chairman
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FEB 13 1975

TO: PROGRAM CORE
FROM: HIGGINS
RE: ARRANGEMENTS FOR LEG. DAY, LOBBY SCHOOL

I agree with Fumi and Jan's suggestion that some way or other we are going to have to break up that big block of LISTENING. But I do question using the auditorium of the church to have all those groups in. If a big gang comes, and they usually do, that church is a horror accoustically, and NO one will be able to hear anyone. Last time, we used smaller rooms over the church, downstairs, for little meetings. Are they not available this time? I just don't see how we can possibly all be in that one big room though.

For scheduling purposes, I will take the whole EQ gang, since Meg will not be there, and have assorted helpers alerted to aid with air and water areas I may not be too familiar with.

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This part is just for the EQ-Land Use Committee, and Coker, but the rest of you may evesdrop (or eyedrop) if you so please.

I have checked with my Austin cronies, namely Stuart Henry, Ron Jones in Armstrongs office and Fred Agnich etc.) and they allow as how we maybe ought to go ahead and support BOTH county zoning AND state land use, since there is not the glimmer of a chance that we will get a state land use bill this time around there IS some hope for county zoning or whatever. So (sob) go ahead JO. Maybe we ought to get our heads together on which version, since Kaster threw about three bills into the pot. JO, I HAVE TRIED TO CALL YOU ON THIS, BUT MY SCHEDULE AND YOURS ARE IMPOSSIBLE TO MESH!

IF CONGRESS GETS GOING ON THE NATIONAL BILL, THERE IS HOPE FOR A STATE LAND USE MANAGEMENT BILL THIS SESSION, BUT LORDY IS THAT EVER OPTIMISTIC. I DON'T CARE IF THERE IS NO HOPE AT ALL, WILL STILL WORK MY HEAD OFF FOR IT.

BETTY, hope you are feeling better, you sure sounded rotten when last I called.

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Lobby School/Legislative Day

If you want to feel the pulse of state government . . . see important officials in person . . . and get a sense of the "Big League" – make plans **now** to attend the League's Lobby School/Legislative Day March 4-5, 1975.

Within this two-day time slot you will: (1) be briefed by state board members on the current status of legislation of interest to the League; (2) see and hear state officials; (3) lobby your own senators and representatives; (4) participate in the feedback session (an exchange, chapter and verse, of what our lawmakers are saying); (5) gain new insights from panel discussions or workshops on lobbying our priority items, and (6) escape briefly from your humdrum routine – to return convinced that the League goes where the action is, and even creates some of it!

Details of the two-day agenda will be sent to local League presidents as soon as plans are firm. Tentative plans for a tour of the University of Texas Nuclear Fusion Center are also being considered.

Tell your local president you'd like to come – to lobby and to learn.

League Members Run

In response to a September survey of League members active in politics, 15 Texas Leagues reported seven members who were candidates for elected office and 23 who were incumbents – some of them running for reelection at the time.

The office breakdown went like this: city council, nine (including a mayor); school board, nine; state legislature, four; county clerk, two; justice of the peace, two; and one each for district clerk, county treasurer, county commissioner, and party county chairman.

Of the four running for state legislature, two were incumbents; all four were elected.

The San Marcos League, with three incumbents and four candidates, appears to have done the best job of encouraging its members to become politically active. Dallas had four members running for office; Austin and Bay Area, three each; and the following Leagues reported one or two: Baytown, Beaumont, Denton, Galveston, Lubbock, Orange Area, Sherman, Tarrant County, and Wichita Falls.

Election Night Reporting

by Bunnie Sawin
Election Night Coordinator
for LWV/Texas

The League of Women Voters teamed up with ABC News to project the outcome of the November election by reporting key precincts in the state. These key precincts are selected by ABC political scientists, statisticians, sociologists, and computer experts.

Each key precinct is part of a statewide sample that is a miniature of the state in terms of factors which yield voting patterns – geography, urbanization, religion, ethnic background, economic level, and past voting history. These demographic data are stored in a computer.

When an election reporter telephones the voting returns from her key precinct on election night, the returns are also entered into the computer to compare the new results with the stored data. This enables ABC political scientists to detect the trend of the voting well in advance of the final outcome.

Texas had 94 key precincts to report, and we can be very proud that 100% of our sample was reported. This was due to the resourcefulness and determination of the election night reporters, many of whom faced considerable local difficulties and long distances to drive.

While coordinating this project for the League of Women Voters of Texas was both interesting and challenging for me, the real success story belongs to each local League and its group of reporters who gave their time and extra effort to reporting the vote in their assigned precincts. They each deserve much of the credit for the highly accurate projections by ABC news.

GREEN LIGHT FOR STATEWIDE FUNDRAISING

by Jeannette Naman
Finance Chairman

Statewide fundraising is gearing up for "go"! Selected prospects are on target to become GRAND FRIENDS of the Texas League – if they will only give a GRAND – or a piece of one!

If one of these targets is in your area, give us your support and cooperation: information to background our contact, a local Leaguer to assist us in making the contact, or follow-up and perhaps Voters Service if the contribution is forthcoming.

YOU are a vital part of the state League's finance effort. We need you working with us, and we want to work with you to make statewide fundraising an all-out effort by all the Leagues in Texas.

Speaking out for the Equal Rights Amendment at a Nov. 14 press conference in Arlington were (left to right): National LWV Action Chairman Ruth Sims, National LWV ERA staff member Mary Brooks, Oklahoma LWV President Helen Arnold, and Texas LWV President Veta Winick.

CALL

To the Fifteenth State Convention of the League of Women Voters of Texas

The Fifteenth Convention of the League of Women Voters of Texas will be held in El Paso April 15-17, 1975, at the Holiday Inn. This is the formal call to all Texas Leagues to participate in this convention.

Under the Bylaws (Article VIII), the convention shall consider and authorize for action a program, elect officers and directors, and adopt a budget for the ensuing year, and shall transact such other business as shall be presented.

Notice of official delegate strength of each local League will be based on membership as of January 1, 1975, and will be sent to local Leagues in February 1975. (See State Bylaws, Art. VIII, Sec. 4).

State Board Memo

Brasher

Kissinger

EDITOR'S NOTE:
The purpose of this column is to give state board members a chance to discuss the aims and goals they have for their portfolios.

Chris Brasher
Legislative Chairman

So often before the legislature convenes I hear, "Gee, how I wish I lived in or near Austin so I could do what you're doing. You are really where the action is!" And so I am.

As your peripatetic legislative chairman, preparing for the 64th regular session, I am again looking to the state capitol as my second home for the next six months.

The fall of 1974 was a busy one, including attendance at a national action workshop, ERA coalition meetings, interim committee hearings on school finance, election reforms and various other meetings; making preparations for opening the legislative office and staffing it with a secretary; organizing the Capitol Corps; analyzing the legislative interviews; planning Lobby Day/Legislative Day; and coping with all of the other varied and sundry business of the League.

In June I will complete my fifth year as your legislative chairman. My experience has taught me, among other things, that a lobbyist walks a lot, so you learn to wear sensible shoes, as the capitol is a **big** building. A lobbyist also smiles a lot, talks a lot, listens a lot (cries some), and learns a tremendous amount!

Since the state legislative chairman cannot turn into twins or quadruplets – which is what is needed when two or more hearings the League wants to attend are held at the same time – and since so many issues come to a "boil" at the same time, it is not only essential but also morale-boosting to have charming, intelligent, and energetic Austin Leaguers fill in as volunteer observers. The Capitol Corps this year promises to be a great force, especially since many of them learned the ropes during the recent ill-fated constitutional convention. We have more legislation of public interest than any other lobby group, but this is what you have asked for through the years in your program-making decisions. So these Leaguers will divide up responsibilities for keeping track of legislation and preparing material for the **Legislative Newsletter.**

In consultation with the state League president, the program vice president, and the program item chairmen, I have the ultimate responsibility for determining which bills among our priority items the League will support or oppose. **Action Alerts** will be sent out when official action by your local League is desired, but you can always write or talk to your legislators as an interested citizen – without any reference to the League – and sometimes this is the most effective lobbying of all!

There is no way that legislators can keep up with hundreds of bills during a session, so we must always be in close touch to keep them informed on legislative issues of importance to League members. It **does** make a difference when you write letters. **And it makes a difference that there is a League Legislative Office in Austin.**

Besides learning that lobbying is fun and effective, I feel that having an office in Austin has contributed greatly to the fact that the League has grown in stature, is much more action-oriented, and will continue to be cogent in important League-related issues.

So when the 64th convenes on Jan. 14, to face the congeries of legislation introduced, **we** will be there again, acting as the eyes and ears and voice of the state League, and geared up for the battles ahead.

Martha E. Kissinger
Texas VOTER Editor

What makes a League bulletin editor?

First of all, she can type! And spell. She can write a good sentence, rewrite a poor one, communicate with a mimeograph machine (or a printer), meet deadlines under pressure, and make decisions without crying. (Which parts of a beautifully-written article will be omitted – or whose article will be left out entirely because there's not enough space?)

She's curious. If a chairman says, "Feel free to sit in on the planning meetings," the editor will appear. It helps to know what's going to happen from the beginning. She sits well back at a general meeting or tour, making a "body count." Then when she asks the chairman to write about the event, she can supply the vital statistics. The chairman was presiding over the meeting or leading the discussion or guiding the tour and has no idea how many finally appeared.

She's adaptable. She can type stencils or run a mimeograph at 2:00 a.m. if necessary, because that's the only way there is to get the bulletin out on time. She can't imagine getting ready for Christmas without copy for the January issue in her typewriter. She accepts on-time copy gratefully, late copy gracefully, and juggles space available in her head till she finds just the right around of information to fill her bulletin.

I've enjoyed the jobs I've held in my 10 years as an active League member – because my finger was usually in every League pie. The editor is (almost) always welcome. She knows ahead of time what's going to happen (sees the nominating committee report before anyone else!) and feels a very great responsibility for getting news to the members.

Of all the reams of paper that go out from state office, my bulletin is the only sheet that goes into the home of every League member in Texas. There's so much I'd like to tell you about the League of Women Voters of Texas that just won't fit in the Texas VOTER. I hope you feel I've chosen well.

The Texas VOTER

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Feb. 2 , 1975

TO: Local League Presidents and PR chairmen (or legislative chairmen)
FROM: Kathy Leabo, public relations VP
RE: Press release for Lobby School/Legislative Day

The enclosed release has been sent to the wire services and to those newspaperw who have correspondents in Austin. If it reaches you in time, please release it to your local media also--after you have inserted the names of your members who are planning to attend. If it's too late for your local deadline, it can still be used as the basis for a post-LS/LD release--if you insert some noteworthy quotes.

Feb. 2 , 1975

News from: THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS
Legislative Office
308 W. 15th, Room 400
Austin, Texas 78701

For more information call: 472-2206

For release: March 3, 1975

Lobby laws as well as effective lobby techniques will be up for discussion tomorrow (March 4) when League of Women Voters members from communities throughout the state assemble in Austin at the First Methodist Church for the League's two-day Lobby School/Legislative conference.

This year's workshop, starting at 10:30 a.m., will concentrate on lobbying in the areas of constitutional revision and school finance. Problems of child abuse will also be considered. There will also be discussion of campaign spending and election laws proposed. The public is invited to attend all workshop sessions.

Speakers will include Secretary of State Mark White on election laws, Rep. Ray Hutchison on constitutional revision, Dr. Earl Lewis on school finance, Welfare Commissioner Raymond Vowell on child abuse, Ron Jones, director of Coastal Zone Management, on working with state agencies, and Terry Goodman and Gaines West, both from the Secretary of State's office, on campaign spending and lobby laws.

Lt. Governor William Hobby and House Speaker Bill Clayton are scheduled to welcome the expected 100 participants.

Molly Ivins, co-editor of the Texas Observer, will speak at a 7 p.m. dinner at the Stephen F. Austin Hotel.

A lecturing tour of the University of Texas Nuclear Center is part of the second day's schedule (March 5). It will be conducted by Dr. Peter Riley and William Drummond of the UT Physics Department.

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A schedule of speakers and events is attached.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

LOBBY SCHOOL/LEGISLATIVE DAY

March 4-5, 1975

March 4

8:30-11 a.m.	Registration--First Methodist Church, 12th & Lavaca
10:30-11 a.m.	Welcome by Veta Winick, LWV of Texas President NO SPACE HERE Raymond Vowell, Welfare Commissioner: Child Abuse
11-11:30 a.m.	Ron Jones, Director of Coastal Zone Management, Office of the Land Commissioner: How to Work with State Agencies
11:30-Noon	SPACE Terry Goodman, Secretary of State's Office: Lobby Laws Gaines West, Secretary of State's Office: Campaign Spending Laws
Noon-1:30 p.m.	Lunch on your own--if with legislators, DUTCH TREAT ONLY
1:30-3:45 p.m.	Welcoming Remarks: Lt. Governor William Hobby House Speaker Bill Clayton Dr. Earl Lewis: Lobbying Aspects of School Finance Rep. Ray Hutchison: Constitutional Revision Mark White, Secretary of State: Proposed Election Laws with Emphasis on Voter Registration
4-5:30 p.m.	Priority Items Action Session--an open discussion on League priority legislation
7 p.m.	Dinner at Stephen F. Austin Hotel Speaker: Molly Ivins, Co-editor, Texas Observer

March 5

8 a.m.	Bus leaves Stephen F. Austin Hotel for UT Nuclear Center ~~xxxxxx~~ tour conducted by Dr. Peter Riley and Dr. William Drummond, UT Physics Department. Bus will return to Capitol at 11 a.m.
8-10 a.m.	Registration for late arrivals who are not going on tour. Ask at Capitol information desk for room number.
10-10:30a.m.	Legislative briefing
10:30-Noon	~~Xxx~~ Free time to observe legislature in session and to lobby with legislators.

Lobby School
Leg. Day 1975

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November 30, 1974

To: Anderson, State Office, Titus, Higgins, Sugihara, Conner, Wilbur, Farmer, Coker, Cragon

From: Brasher

HELP! I just realized when I recently ran across Kissinger's memo that I had to have an article ready for the January Voter on Lobby School/Legislative Day. I have been so darned swamped that I completely forgot about this event... ESPECIALLY SINCE A SPECIAL PLACE ON THE BOARD WAS CREATED AT MY REQUEST FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS such as this.... But since it has been thrown back to me, I will do my best before the session starts to get a committee together and come up with something firm for approval at the January Board meeting. In the meantime, here are a few thoughts....I would like your comments, criticisms, ANYTHING! Especially do I need to know if the tour of the UT Nuclear Fusion Center will be included.....I need to know how long it will take and where it will be squeezed in.....Let me hear from all of you....especially Titus.... sorry I didn't get to talk to you about this, Meg...at Arlington...I just sat down and came up with the following thoughts.....

Tentative agendas: March 4-5, 1975

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Bill Hobby, Lt. Governor
Bill Clayton, Speaker of the House

Questions if time ????

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(Will have a list of availbble quick lunch places like:
Common Market, Oyster Bar, etc.
If anyone wants a lunch to go for the pinnic lunch, we could take orders from Common Market.

1:30 to 3:30 - Speakers on Priority Items - So What's New and What Can We Do?

Steve Bickerstaff on TCR
Dr. Richard Hooker on School Finance
EQ ? Voting Rights?
Jim Ray - Working in cooperation with governmental agencies
Walter Richter- ex-Senator - How to lobby effectively

3:30 - 5:30 - TCR Wprkshop
School Finance Workshop
EQ Workshop
Voting Rights Workshop

(Instead of separate workshops simultaneously, have them follow each other, so everyone can stay put. Lobbying techniques & how-to's can be brought in in various ways according to the legislation being considered. Leaguers will know firsthand what is happening to legislation we are interested in in each category

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5:30 or 5:35 - Break for Dinner -- Now..do we want to arrange a dinner, if
to 7:30 we can find a place big enough....like
the Driskell or the VillaCapri, and
Time? have a speaker?

If the ERA is hot at this time, we might consider bringing in Martha Griffiths (perish the thought of the expense!) with perhaps the cooperation of the Coalition groups for sharing the expense...with invitations to the dinner, of course. If we could find a place big enough, we could also have the legislators at this dinner, otherwise the local Leagues will have to invite their legislators to the Brown Bag lunch or out to lunch on Legislative Day .....OR everyone on his own, with or without legislators, for dinner. Please let me hear your ideas on this.

OR, we could do without a speaker and show the Corpus Christi film on Election School. /conducting an

OR - we could order the ERA tape recording of the Griffiths- Sclafley debate

or...a song and dance team??????? Is anyone good at skits???

After dinner: Alternatives: Continuation of Workshops if there is not enough time in the afternoon sessions.

Film on Election School

Tape on ERA

Attend committee hearings

Find the nearest bar -- or congregate at Scholtz' Beer Garden with legislators

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March 5, 1975 LEGISLATIVE DAY

8:00 to 9:30 - Registration for second day arrivers - possibly in Old Supreme Court Room
(Coffe and donuts, if possible)

9:30 - 12:00 - Legislative Briefing on any Program Alerts or other legislation not covered in workshops. OR Nuclear Fusion Tour

Introduction of Capitol Corps

March to ~~the Capitol~~ observe House & Senate in session
(Lobby, if necessary)

12:00 - 1:30 Lunch on Your Own or with legislators

1:30 to 2:00 "Talk Back" Session - Have problem of meeting place here as committees will probably be meeting in afternoon. We have missed this the last time or two, and it is important and fun!

2:00 - 5:00 - Committee Hearings. Hopefully, we will have something in a committee to testify on.

Or Nuclear Fusion Tour

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Or Tour can be planned for early on the first day, with far-away Leagues coming in an extra night. If so, we could arrange to have a list of committee hearings that night (March 3).

It is imperative that I have your ideas on speakers, as this must be confirmed fairly early.

In the meantime, we will be looking for places to stay, to eat, etc. I assume Board members will have to come with local League members or on your own....but shouldn't we all try to be in the same hotel? Let me know what you think so I can get reservations early....the hotels are already filling up for that period.....

Could we charge our expenses to our own budgets?

Do we need to give out a kit? If so, we will need to charge a registration fee. If not, will there be other expenses to charge for?

Do you think I should send out a feeler like the attached reservation form to get an approximate count on the number of those who will need hotel reservations?
Should I leave out their preference on lunch and dinner?
Should I ask them for ideas as to who they would like to have for a speaker?
OR DO YOU THINK THIS WOULD JUST CONFUSE THEM MORE? However, it is important to know the number of hotel reservations we will need, and dinner arrangements....
Can you think of anything else to ask?

To: Local League Presidents & Legislative Chairmen
From: Chris Brasher, Legislative Chairman
Re: Lobby School/ Legislative Day Reservations

In order that we may have an idea of the approximate number of Leaguers to expect for the Lobby Day/Legislative Day March 4-5, 1975, and that we may arrange to have an approximate number of hotel reservations, will you please send us an estimate of how many to expect from your League? This is not an official reservation form, but only an attempt to ascertain your wishes in making our plans.

_____ _____
Name of League President Phone

_____ _____
Approximate Number of Members expecting to attend, including President & Legislative chairman.(or other designate): Legislative Chairman Phone

1) For combined two-days _____ Will you need a hotel reservation?

2) Lobby School Only _____ How Many?_____

3) Legislative Day Only _____

If a tour to the UT Nuclear Fusion Center is planned, how many would be interested? _____

If it is planned early March 4, 9 to 12? _____

Would you have to come in the night before and need a hotel reservation? _____

If it is planned early March 5, 9 to 12, as an alternative to the Legislative Briefing and observing the House & Senate in session? _____

If it is planned as a separate day, necessitating an extra night:

March 3? _____

March 6? _____

Please send your answers as soon as possible - no later than Dec. 18.

If you are planning to have lunch or dinner with your legislators, would you prefer to do this on the night of March 4 or at lunch on March 5? _____

If there is no place big enough for all Leaguers & legislators to dine together, would you like to combine with another League for

lunch or dinner? (If you will make your own arrangements, depending on our final plans, please state whether you would object to another

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DEC 3 1974

November 30, 1974

To: SO, Anderson, Leabo, Kissinger, Hunter, Coffey, Glickman, Kissinger, Morgan, Naman, Peterman

From: Ersher Re: Lobby School/Legislative Day

Following is a tentative outline of plans for LS/LD, which I am rather late in starting, so please send me your preferences, comments, criticisms, etc. so I can firm up some of the ideas and have it ready for approval at January Board meeting. The program Corps people have already been sent their copies, and I decided the whole Board should have an input. Here goes.....

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OR, we could do without a speaker and show the Corpus Christi film on conducting an Election School. OR, we could order the ERA tape recording from National of the Griffiths-Schlafley debate; OR, a song and dance???? A skit ??????

After dinner Alternatives: Continuation of workshops if there is not enough time in the afternoon sessions; film on Election School; Tape on ERA; Attend Committee Hearings; OR --fine the nearest bar...OR congregate at Scholtz' Beer Garden w/ legislators

Some I sent to Jean Sweet people different beginning

Dec. 16, 1974

DEC 18 1974

To: Brasher cc SO
From: Hunter
Re: Lobby School/ Legislative Day

As usual, you have done a masterful job in planning LS/LL Day. The lobby school agenda is fine. Lunch should be left up to individuals or individual Leagues to plan brown bag or lunch on their own. Suggested places to eat would be good. But don't try to plan for them.

Speakers and subjects are good. Workshops should depend on what legislation will be under consideration. Will we know in time to plan ahead so we wont be talking about a dead issue?

Dinner, should be arranged & a speaker on a "hot item" would be best. LL members haven't shown much enthusiasm for film or tapes. I feel that if they spend the money and time to come for two days they will want something constructive and wouldn't be interested in entertainment, as such.

For Legislative day your outline is good. I think those who come want to spend as much time as possible at the Capitol watching the session, attending committee meetings or talking with their legislators. But a talk back session is important and should be arranged. Let's just not have too much arrangements. Each League xixx should decide if they wish to invote their Legislator to lunch, on legisl. day or lobby day, or to the dinner. Let each one do her own thing.

You need to have an idea about how many to plan for hotel reservations so I'd use the questionnaire but don't ask for suggested speakers. This may not confuse them but it would certainly confuse you if each member wanted their particular pet. Just ask for approximate hotel & dinner count.

To keep the cost down, forget the kit. (But, will we have the opportunity to get the gold book on Legislators and Congressmen this year. Everyone liked that.)

Wish I could be more constructive. Have a MERRY CHRISTMAS --see you in January.

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LWV of Texas
January 1975

TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM FOR ACTION ALERTS

Office will call:			
	Austin	----	San Antonio -- Victoria -- Corpus Christi --
(All calls will be collect)			Edinburg-McAllen -- Harlingen -- Brownsville
	Denton	----	Sherman -- Tyler-- Dallas -- Irving -- Garland--
			Richardson -- Tarrant County -- Lamar County --
			Plano -- Hunt County Unit
	Houston	----	Deer Park -- Brazos County --- Huntsville --
			Baytown -- Montgomery County -- Pasadena --
			Bay Area -- Beaumont -- Orange Area --
			South Jefferson County Unit
	Galveston	----	Pearland -- Braxosport
	Lubbock	----	Odessa -- Midland -- El Paso
Brasher	San Marcos		

The lines are arrow indicators. In other words, Austin will call San Antonio; San Antonio will call Victoria, etc.

Please look over the following schedule and let me know if any of these can be arranged better to cut down on expensive calls. I am not too familiar with the location of some of these places, and I don't have a map handy. Actually, I would like to cut down on the number of calls from the office, as it is time-consuming. Besides, most of the time I learn of things late in the day, and have to make the calls from home.

We will also have selective calls made (ones that don't go to all Leagues), in which case we usually make these calls direct.

However, with the possibility of having ERA alerts, we must set up this system to be ready to go. It will be typed up and sent out of the legislative office after the session opens. It will also contain the address and telephone number of the office, Each League should have the President's list with telephone number and we shall make up a special list of Legislative Chairmen...or other alternate to call in event president cannot be reached. I figure all of the calls could be made within an hours time if there are no difficulties...perhaps two hours.

cc: SO, Anderson, Higgins, Coker, Conner, Wilbur, Coffey, Titus, Sugihara

Leg. Office

JAN 3 1975

TO: Brasher, CC: SO, Anderson
FROM: Wilbur
DATE: December 31, 1974
RE: Telephone Communications System for Action Alerts.

First of all, it appears to me that Waco, Wichita Falls , Abilene, Amarillo, and Gainesville Provisional have been left off. Oversight or for a reason?

Now, looking at my trusty map, I would propose the following changes:

Austin chain - no changes

Denton -- Sherman -- Lamar County -- Hunt County Unit -- Tyler-- Dallas -- Richardson -- Plano -- Garland -- Irving -- Tarrant County

Houston -- Brazos County -- Huntsville -- Montgomery County -- Deer Park -- Pasadena -- Baytown -- Beaumont -- Orange Area -- South Jefferson County Unit

Galveston -- Brazosport -- Pearland -- Bay Area

Lubbock -- Midland -- Odessa -- El Paso

The only suggestion I have for cutting down the number of calls from the office would be to make use of state board members to initiate a couple of chains (please don't tell any state board members that I was the one that suggested this!!!), i.e., I could call Houston and Galveston, Bobbette or Meg could call Denton and Lubbock, and you could call San Marcos and Austin - or something like that...

FEB 20 1975

February 18, 1975

TO: Winick, Anderson, Conner, Wilbur, Sugihara, Higgins, Leabo, Glickman

From: Brasher

By now you should all have the Lobby School/Legislative Day Agenda, etc.

I talked to Annie via phone Monday to discuss the time slot between 1:30 and 3:30 for the priority item speakers. We are going to have an even greater "squeeze" in this time slot because Speaker Clayton and Lt. Gov. Hobby have consented to come at 1:30 because both houses will be in session in the morning and this is more convenient for them. To be on the safe side, we have allotted each of them 10 minutes...which means we will have to show promptly at 1:30 to introduce them...and allow them to get out (or stay) for the scheduled speakers, which in turn have had to lose some of their time. In order for it to come out even for each speaker, we have roughly sketched out the time as follows:

1:30 - 1:50 (20 min.) Welcome by Hobby & Clayton by Veta. (Do you want any biographical data, Veta?
1:50 - 2:25 (35 min.) Dr. Earl Lewis on Lobbying Aspects of School Finance
2:25 - 3:00 (35 min.) Rep. Ray Hutchison on Constitutional Revision
3:00 - 3:35 (35 min.) Mark White, Sec. of State on Proposed Election Laws

(All of the speakers have been contacted, except possibly Dr. Lewis, and have accepted, so all we need to do is notify them of the time slot, and emphasize that we are on a very tight schedule. It is not enough time....but....if it runs over a bit, we can cut down on coffee time and re-assembly time and tell the Leaguers that discussions started at the action session can be continued if they wish after dinner at the "inter-League conversations" meeting room over BYOs if desired! Annie, I added 5 minutes to Hutchison's time to make it an even 35 min. for each.

Bobette: I switched Ron Jones time with Terry Goodman and Gaines West, so be sure to let him know he is on from 11:00 to 11:30. Fumi, I invited Terry to lunch in case some League members wanted to join us for more questions, and she was delighted....Dutch Treat of course! Their duo is scheduled from 11:30 to 12:00.

Kathy: I don't know how we are going to handle the coffee break (and bathroom break), reassemble for your presentation, then reassemble into interest groups without using up precious time. Perhaps you can get/work/out with the program chairmen whereby you can circulate or hold them a little longer before the break. The idea is to prevent loss of time by milling around at the break. THANK GOD I DON'T HAVE TO FIGURE OUT ANOTHER ONE LIKE THIS!

Incidentally, it goes without saying that the Governor will not be there, which will give more time to Vowell for questions, etc. Maybe we can pick up some time here, but I doubt it.

Don't forget to make your hotel reservations or come with your local League delegation. It will be Dutch Treat for Board members as well as other Leaguers,

as we have no money allocated for this event, and we will have to pay for complimentary dinners for the Capitol Corps people, which will come to over $100. There is an overage of $.50 on the dinners to help pay some of this. If there is enough left over, after taking out for supplies for kits, memos, etc., we can possibly reimburse Board members for their dinners. Also, the tour bus will cost $40 each, regardless of whether they are filled or not, so if we have one that is not completely filled (we can get 48 people on) we will have to ante up the difference.

Another thought: I saw in the Dallas Voter that they are bringing in a bus load for March 5 only, arriving about 10 a.m. So that means they are not coming for Lobby School and will not be here in time for the bus tour, so we will have to offer them something at the briefing scheduled at 10 am. March 5. Could those program chairmen not going on the tour give a brief rundown on what came out of the sessions on Lobby Day, using Corps people for those areas of program people going on the tour? In other words, notes should be taken in each session so this information can be passed along to those coming in for Legislative Day only. ~~Also~~ I will forego the tour to stay for this briefing. We can get together the night of March 5 to get our notes together.

Kathy: Have you gotten in touch with Molly Ivins yet?

If any of you have any comments or suggestions, please let me know.

Be sure to send in your dinner and tour reservations to the Legislative Office.

Vita: You + Betty A's dinners should also be complimentary — so we'll take care of that — (Annie, too!)

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February 1975

To: Local League Presidents
From: Chris Brasher, Legislative Director
Re: Lobby School/Legislative Day, March 4-5, 1975

A delay in finalizing plans for LS/LD has prevented us getting a firmed-up agenda to you before this mailing. As a consequence, we are asking that every effort be made to send in your reservations and the number expected to attend as soon as possible. We are also requesting that as many as possible pre-register so that there will not be long delays in the registration line. Kits will be prepared for those who do pre-register, which will cut down immeasurably on last-minute arrangements. Preferably, one check from each local League, which would include the registration fees and dinner and tour reservations for all those planning to attend, would be desirable.

Registration for the Lobby School on March 4 will begin at 8:30 at the First Methodist Church across from the capitol grounds. Emphasis will be put on our legislative priority items and the day will conclude with a dinner for League members only at the Stephen F. Austin Hotel, where most of those attending the sessions will be staying. If there are members of other organizations that wish to attend, that is fine, and they will be able to share the dinner also with the proper reservation. However, we are asking that no legislators be invited to this dinner, as there are problems with the lobby law, besides the fact that the facilities cannot hold too large a crowd.

Hotel reservations should be made in advance on the enclosed reservation cards directly with the hotel. Double rooms are $22 each, with two to four persons in a room at $11 per person, which is a special rate given us by the hotel. Since the rate is $11 per person regardless, we suggest that if there are four persons in a group that it will be the same price to get two double rooms. Members may leave suitcases in their rooms on March 5 until time of departure so long as the desk is notified. If it is feasible, we will try to designate one room on each floor where all luggage can be left, so that all the rooms will not be tied up the next day.

Something new has been added this year for Legislative Day on March 5, for those Leaguers who desire a little variety. A bus will leave from the Stephen F. Austin at 8:00 a.m. for a tour of the University of Texas Nuclear Fusion and Fission Centers. The bus will return members to the capitol at 11:00 a.m., where the House and Senate sessions may be observed before the lunch break.

In previous years we always arranged a breakfast, lunch, or dinner with the legislators. However, due to recent changes in the lobby law, this is no longer feasible. Under the current lobby law, any money spent on lobbying that is reimbursable from the League must be reported. When this is done, there is a chance that you can be held liable for bribery charges. In order to avoid any question at all, we strongly advise you to invite your legislators for a Dutch Treat only, or individual members who will not expect to be reimbursed may pick up the tab. You will have a chance to ask questions about the lobby law at the morning session on March 4. Hopefully, League members will find some time to visit and lobby the legislators and will be able to feed back any information that is vital to the lobbying corps in Austin. If it is impossible for you to report back to us either right after the dinner or during the priority item sessions (where pertinent), then please remember to fill out the feedback sheets which will be enclosed in the registration kits. These forms may be left with any member of the lobbying group in Austin or mailed directly to the Legislative Office immediately.

We hope that as many members as possible will be able to attend this two-day event and that you will get some benefit from the visit to the capitol and from the camaraderie of being with other League members to discuss ways and means of reaching League objectives in this legislative session.

We will allow for a few late registrations by mail, by phone, or on March 4 and 5 during registration, but must ask that as many reservations as possible be sent in no later than February 25 in order that arrangements for the dinner, the busses for the tour, etc. can be made well in advance. Please call if you have any questions or changes.

We will be looking forward to seeing you on March 4-5!

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February 1975

LOBBY SCHOOL/LEGISLATIVE DAY RESERVATIONS

In order to make final arrangements, please return the original of this memo, retaining a copy for your files, before or on February 25. We suggest that one check from each League, with each League collecting from individual members, be sent along with pre-registrations to the Legislative Office. Please make checks out to League of Women Voters of Texas.

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Name of League

_____ _____ Will be attending ___
President Phone Will not be attending ___

_____ _____ Will be attending ___
Legislative Chairman Phone Will not be attending ___

Hotel reservations must be made in advance directly with Stephne F. Austin Hotel on enclosed cards. For office information, please note number of hotel reservations made.

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Registration fee for combined two days, including dinner, $8.00
Number attending, with check enclosed: _____

Registration fee for Lobby Day only, including dinner $8.00 _____

Registration fee for Legislative Day only, $2.00 _____

Registration fee for U.T. Nuclear Fusion and Fission Center Tours on March 5. Bus fare from Stephen F. Austin Hotel to U.T. and back to Capitol, $1.00. This is in addition to registration fees mentioned above. _____

Please return to: LWV Legislative Office
308 W. 15th, Room 400
Austin, Texas 78701

NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 25, 1975

Names of those attending may be listed on back of this sheet to facilitate making up kits.

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February 1975

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March 4-5, 1975, Austin, Texas

March 4, 1975

8:30 - 11:00 a.m.	Registration - First Methodist Church, 12th and Lavaca Publications Room will be open during this time; coffee and doughnuts available
10:30 - 11:00 a.m.	Welcome by Veta Winick, State League President Dolph Briscoe, Governor of Texas Raymond Vowell, Welfare Commissioner - 15 minute film on child abuse
11:00 - 11:30 a.m.	Ron Jones, Director of Coastal Zone Management, Office of Land Commissioner: How to Work with State Agencies
11:30 - 12:00	Terry Goodman, Office of the Secretary of State: Lobby Laws Gaines West, Office of the Secretary of State: Campaign Spending Laws
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch on your own - Dutch Treat with your legislators, if desired. Ask Terry Goodman why! List of available quick lunch places in kit.
1:30 - 3:30 p.m.	Welcome from Lt. Governor William Hobby and House Speaker Bill Clayton Dr. Earl Lewis on Lobbying Aspects of School Finance Rep. Ray Hutchison on Constitutional Revision Mark White, Secretary of State on Proposed Election Laws with Emphasis on Voter Registration
3:30 - 3:45 p.m.	COFFEE BREAK
3:45 - 5:30 p.m.	Kathy Leabo, State PR Director PRIORITY ITEMS ACTION SESSION Lobby techniques and how-to's presented by priority item program chairmen in various ways according to the legislation being considered. Open discussion by League members in areas of interest.
7:00 p.m.	Dinner at Stephen F. Austin Hotel with a dinner speaker Introduction of Capitol Corps as Special Guests Legislative Feedback, if any
After Dinner Alternatives:	Attend committee hearings, or visit with legislators, or join other Leaguers in a meeting room for inter-League conversations

March 5, 1975

8:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Bus leaves Stephen F. Austin Hotel for UT Nuclear Center Tours. Dr. Peter Riley and Dr. William Drummond, UT Physics Department, will conduct lecturing tour. Bus will return at 11:00 a.m. to Capitol for Leaguers to observe Legislature in session and to lobby.
8:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Registration at the Capitol for those arriving today and not going on tour. Ask at information desk for the number of the room the League will be using that day. Those going on the tour who have not registered before will be registered on the bus.
10:00 - 10:30 a.m.	Legislative Briefing for those not in attendance at Lobby School or those not going on tour.
10:30 - 12:00 p.m.	To House and Senate to observe legislature in session and to lobby.
12:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Lunch (with or without legislators) and afternoon on your own. Those who will have some time before leaving Austin will want to spend this time lobbying, or attending committee hearings.
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	Tours of the Governor's Mansion are also available between 10:00 and 12:00 noon, and last about 20 minutes

Have a nice day, and PLEASE LEAVE FEEDBACK SHEET (the blank sheet in your kit) AND EVALUATION SHEET WITH A CAPITOL CORPS MEMBER OR MAIL IMMEDIATELY TO THE LEGISLATIVE OFFICE.

LOBBY
by Letter . . .

League of Women Voters of Texas

U. S. SENATOR _____
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U. S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT _____
U. S. CONGRESSMAN _____

STATE SENATORIAL DISTRICT _____
STATE SENATOR _____

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DIST. _____
STATE REPRESENTATIVES _____

DO spell your legislator's name correctly and indicate whether he is a Senator or Representative.

DO describe the bill by number or by its popular name.

DO present a concise statement of the reasons for your position, particularly if you are writing about a subject of which you have specialized knowledge.

DO make your letters short and confine each letter to one subject.

DO time your letter to arrive while the issue is alive.

DO write letters of commendation when your legislator has done something of which you particularly approve.

DON'T write to a legislator from any district except your own.

DON'T threaten him with defeat at the next election.

DON'T write a chain letter, a form letter, or a postcard.

DON'T become a chronic letter writer.

DON'T write a legislator more than once on the same subject, unless you have new facts to present which may help him.

DON'T assume that your legislator has less interest in and concern over good government than you, yourself, have.

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4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	PRIORITY ITEMS ACTION SESSION Lobby techniques - current legislation - open discussion Smaller group sessions will be in rooms adjacent to large room in basement.
Happy Hour	Traditionally observed in Austin during the Legislative session. You might enjoy the Cabaret Room in the Driskill Hotel.
7:00	Stephen F. Austin Hotel, Sam Houston Room Speaker - Molly Ivins, co-editor Texas Observer Introduction of Capitol Corps
After dinner:	Committee hearings (see list)--LWV Beer Bust, Bonham Room, SFA Hotel, keg of beer, 50¢ a glass. Why not invite your legislator, but don't buy his beer.

March 5, 1975

8:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Tour of UT Nuclear Center. Bus leaves Stephen F. Austin Hotel at 8:00 a.m. Lecturers: Dr. Peter Riley and Col. Jim Green, UT Physics Dept. Registration and orientation of late arrivals on bus. SFA hotel coffee shop opens at 6:30 a.m. Donuts on bus. Bus will return to the capitol at 11:00 a.m.
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Welcome to Austin

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This booklet was designed to help acquaint you with our city. It contains information about Austin and its points of interest, tells how to make Long Distance calls and lists many frequently called telephone numbers in the city.

While in Austin you undoubtedly will want to call the folks back home. You may be surprised at how little it costs to hear a friendly "Hello" from home.

We hope you enjoy yourself in Austin and that your visit will be an interesting and successful one.

We hope you have a pleasant visit.

Southwestern Bell

About Austin

In 1839, when the Republic of Texas was only three years old, the Republic's president, Mirabeau B. Lamar, sent a commission of five horsemen on a mission to "find the best location for our capital." After months of riding over the vast area, a spot was chosen on the Colorado River near the center of the state. A small community of several families had formed a village there and named it Waterloo.

Construction of government buildings soon got under way and government officials arrived. The one-story frame capitol building situated on the present site of the city hall was surrounded by an eight-foot stockade as protection against Indian raids. The name Waterloo was later changed to Austin in memory of Stephen F. Austin, the leader of early U.S. settlers into Texas territory.

Today, greater Austin's 314,000 citizens attest to the fact that Lamar's representatives made an ideal choice for the location of the Texas Capital City.

A variety of industry, farming and livestock, along with the federal, state and university annual payrolls of $232 million, form the core of Austin's economy. More than 380 manufacturing firms support an annual payroll of approximately $80 million.

The finest schools are available in Austin, ranging from the elementary levels to university graduate study. The major institutions include: The University of Texas at Austin, St. Edward's University, Huston-Tillotson College, Concordia Lutheran College, St. Stephen's School and Austin Presbyterian and Episcopal seminaries.

The Austin Aqua Festival is held on Town Lake, in the heart of downtown Austin. Town Lake is also the last in a chain of the seven Highland Lakes that stretch from nearly 100 miles of wooded hills northwest of the city. A series of dams, built to control the once erratic Colorado River, now provide Austin with excellent recreational facilities.

Points of Interest Around Austin

Bergstrom Air Force Base
Home of the Tactical Air Command's 75th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, Bergstrom Air Force Base is located 7½ miles southeast of the heart of Austin. The base also serves as headquarters for the Twelfth Air Force, which commands all Tactical Air Command bases west of the Mississippi River.

Daughters of the Confederacy and Daughters of the Republic of Texas Museums
These museums are located on the capitol grounds at 11th and Brazos in the Old Land Office Building. Collections include items used by early settlers, guns, Union and Confederate flags and other relics.

Elisabet Ney Museum
Located at 44th and Avenue H, the museum was once the picturesque studio of the world-renowned sculptress who was among the first of the well-known artists in Texas.

French Legation
Once the home of the French Charge d'Affairs to the young Republic of Texas, the building has been restored to capture old world charm. Located at Eighth and San Marcos Streets, it is the only building in the state erected by a foreign power.

Governor's Mansion
Built in 1856, it is the best known of the many stately homes scattered throughout the city. It occupies the entire block between Tenth and Eleventh Streets and between Colorado and Lavaca, one block west of the entrance to the Capitol grounds.

Laguna Gloria Art Museum
Laguna Gloria Art Museum is a Mediterranean-style villa that overlooks Lake Austin. The museum schedules changing art exhibitions and art classes year round and features a permanent collection of American art. Laguna Gloria is located on land Stephen F. Austin once selected for his homesite. The museum is open daily, except Mondays, holidays, the last week in August and the first week in September.

Moonlight Towers
Austin is the city that supplies its residents with "Moonlight" every night of the year. Scattered throughout the city are 27 light towers. From the tops of the 165-foot cast-iron towers, a cluster of six mercury vapor lamps produces 1600 candlepower, enough for each tower to light a four-block area.

O. Henry Museum
Home of America's best-loved short story writer, the house is located at 409 East Fifth Street. It has been preserved along with many of his possessions.

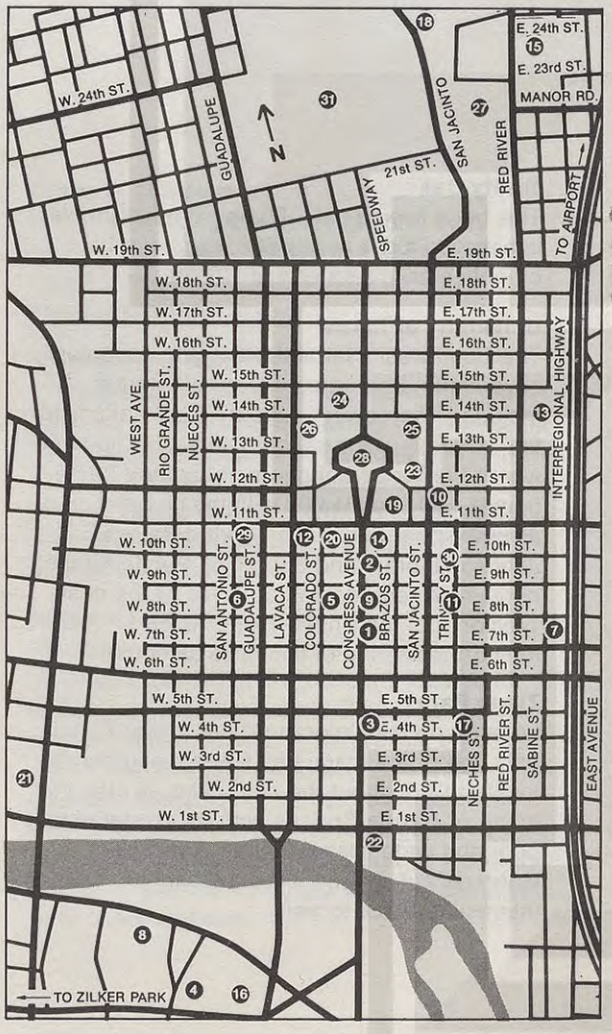
State Capitol Building
This impressive structure of Sunset Red granite quarried in nearby Burnet county dominates the Austin skyline. Located at the head of Congress Avenue, it houses the governor's office, Senate, House of Representatives and other state offices. Surrounding the capitol are other state office buildings.

Texas Memorial Museum
The fascinating story of Texas is told in the displays exhibited at the museum, located at 24th Street and San Jacinto Blvd. There are rare prehistoric fossils, Indian relics, unique gun collections and geological and wildlife displays. Dioramas of oil field developments and Texas history are other highlights of the museum. A beautiful bronze statue of the wild mustangs that once roamed in Texas stands in front of the museum.

Treaty Oak
This huge live oak at Fifth and Baylor Streets is believed to be nearly 600 years old. Its branches have a spread of 127 feet.

University of Texas
The Southwest's largest university occupies several hundred acres. Points of interest include "The Tower"—the 27 story administration building of the school. Memorial Stadium, where the Texas Longhorns play their home games, will seat 81,000 with the completion of its new upper deck. The Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and School of Public Affairs, containing records and archives of the past president of the United States, is on the northeast side of the large campus.

Zilker Park
Located on the Colorado River, Zilker Park is only one of the many parks and playgrounds located throughout the city. Zilker is also the home of Barton Springs with its crystal clear pool and wide grassy slopes. The Zilker Garden Center also makes the park an interesting place to visit.



1 Austin Hotel
2 Bus Station—Continental
3 Bus Station—Greyhound
4 Chamber of Commerce Office
5 City Hall
6 City Library
7 City Police & Courts Building
8 Coliseum
9 Commodore Perry Building
10 Downtowner Hotel
11 Federal Building
12 Governor's Mansion
13 Hospital—Brackenridge
14 Highway Building
15 Lyndon Baines Johnson Library
16 Municipal Auditorium
17 Museum—O.Henry
18 Museum—Texas Memorial
19 Museums—Daughters of the Confederacy and Daughters of the Republic of Texas
20 Old Bakery—Tourist Center
21 Railroad Station
22 Sheraton Crest Hotel
23 State Archives and Library
24 State Office Building—John H. Reagan
25 State Office Building—Sam Houston
26 Supreme Court Building
27 Texas Memorial Stadium
28 Texas State Capitol
29 Travis County Courthouse
30 U. S. Post Office
31 University of Texas Tower

Frequently called telephone numbers

Emergency

Police	476-8311
Austin Fire Department	476-4333
Texas Department of Public Safety	452-0331
Emergency Ambulance	472-8233

Airlines

Braniff International	476-4631
Continental Air Lines	477-6716
Rio Airways	476-6133
Texas International	478-9585

Buses

Arrow Coach Lines	476-7451
Continental Trailways	478-4655
Greyhound Bus Lines	476-7451
Kerrville Bus Company	476-7451

Taxicabs

Airlines Taxi	926-4741
Checker Cab	472-1111
Harlem Taxi Service	472-2404
Roy's Taxi	476-6911
Yellow Cab	472-1111

Car Rentals

Airways Rent-A-Car	476-3519
Avis	476-6137
Budget	478-6437
Chevway	476-6641
Hertz	478-9321
National	476-6189
Thrifty	454-9641

Telephone Service

Directory Assistance	Dial 411
Assistance in Calling	Dial Operator
Business Office	477-9511
Directory Assistance Outside 512 Area Code	1 + Area Code + 555-1212*
*Directory Assistance in 512 Area Code	1 555-1212

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Long Distance Calls

Direct Distance Dialing Station-To-Station Calls

Direct Distance Dialing enables you to dial Long Distance station-to-station calls direct from your own telephone, as easily as you dial local calls. First dial the numeral "1" plus the area code (if other than 512), then the telephone number. For calls within the 512 area just dial the numeral "1" and the telephone number. Remember, when you dial direct you receive the lowest possible rate at the time you call.

Person To Person Calls

A person-to-person call is placed to a particular person or specified extension number. Give the operator the area code for the city you wish to reach, the telephone number and the name of the person or the extension number you wish to reach. Charges begin when the operator reaches the person or the extension you asked for, or a substitute acceptable to you.

Credit Card Calls

You may apply for a Bell System credit card by contacting your local business office. Credit card calls take less time than collect calls and are automatically billed to the telephone number keyed to your credit card.

Conference Calls

You can talk with several people in different places at the same time. Tell the Long Distance operator you wish to make a conference call.

Texas State Capitol
Austin

64th LEGISLATURE

WILLIAM P. HOBBY, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, OFFICE #219, 475-3535

SENATORS	PHONE NO.	OFFICE NO.	ASSISTANT
Adams, Don	2671	319	Lola Hopper
Aikin, A. M., Jr.	3474	321	Jeanne Morris
Andujar, Betty	2526	128-B	Nita Silberstein
Braecklein, Bill	3764	122	Shirley Pond
Brooks, Chet	2901	335	Liz Huggins
Clower, Ron	3758	332	Gay Curry
Creighton, Tom	3452	128-A	Randy Beard
Doggett, Lloyd	3731	331	Sally Watkins
Farabee, Ray	4446	116	Jessye Brown
Gammage, Bob	2751	118	Maureen McMahan
Hance, Kent	4177	334	Kay Kennedy
Harrington, D. Roy	2809	126	Marceil Hubbard
Harris, O. H. (Ike)	4171	124	Margaret Bacon
Jones, Grant	3733	419	Bunny Holmstrom
Kothmann, Glenn	3911	303	Faye Penn
Lombardino, Frank	4173	337	Lisa Bearden
Longoria, Raul L.	3471	120	Sylvia Nesbitt
Mauzy, Oscar H.	2528	G-35-B	Jane Van Sickle
McKinnon, Mike	4279	211	Charlotte Wiley
McKnight, Peyton	4175	325	Peggy Crow
Meier, Bill	3496	320	Loretta Patschke
Mengden, Walter H., Jr.	3408	326	Doodie Lawler
Moore, William T. (Bill)	4371	G-35-A	Anice Vanderlee
Ogg, Jack	2261	338	Louise Naven
Patman, William N. (Bill)	2753	129-C	Mary Barrow
Santiesteban, H. Tati	3641	212	Saxon Fox
Schwartz, A. R.	5881	129-B	Regina Jones
Sherman, Max R.	3222	129-A	Jo Schiewe
Snelson, W. E. (Pete)	3494	128-C	Nona Aday
Traeger, John A.	3756	421	Lois Root
Williams, Lindon	3643	333	Shirley Lundgren

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S OFFICE	
Lt. Governor William P. Hobby	3535
Margaret Behrens, Secretary	3535
Receptionist & Information	3674
Don Rives, Executive Asst.	2424
Loyce Baker, Assistant	2424
Tom Hagan, Adm. Asst.	4249
Bill Jenkins, Adm. Asst.	3557
Larry Veselka, Adm. Asst.	3106
Jason Perlman, Adm. Asst.	2997
Bob Cargill, Press Secretary	3888

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE	
Governor Briscoe	4101
Information	3541
Bob Hardesty	4215
Charles Purnell	2131
Ken Clapp	3861
George Lowrance	4571
Dicky Travis	3214
Howard Richards	3021
Reagan Brown	3112

SENATE PHONE NUMBERS	
Administration Committee Ch.	2671
Bill Distribution	2520
Bill Status Information	3026
Calendar Clerk	2572
Enrolling Room	2455
Finance Room	2263
Journal Clerk	4707
Media Services	4775
Payroll Clerk	2945
Personnel Office	6895
Porters	3066
Reproduction	3119
Research Director	5818
Secretary of the Senate	4271
Senate Post Office	2523
Sergeant-at-Arms	3411
Staff Services	2219
Supply Room	3101
Billie Leach	3180
Tour Guide Desk	3070

OTHER STATE NUMBERS	
Attorney General	2501
Board of Control	2211
Comptroller	2206
Legislative Budget Bd.	3426
Legislative Council	2736
Legislative Ref. Lib.	4626
Secretary of State	2015
Security Guard Desk	2208

HOUSE PHONE NUMBERS	
Speaker's Office	3311
Chief Clerk	5616
Sergeant-at-Arms	4330
Calendar Clerk	3729
Journal Clerk	3364
E&E	3678
House Administrator	2829

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REPRESENTATIVES OFFICE & TELEPHONE NUMBERS - 64th LEGISLATURE

Member	Rm. #	Centrex #	Member	Rm. #	Centrex #
Adams, Herman, Jr.	400-E	475-4213	Laney, James E. (Pete)	404-C-1	475-5671
Agnich, Fred	411-C	2636	Lary, Camm, Jr.	305-A	5641
Allen, Joe	G-55-C	3546	Lauhoff, Herman	114-E	5916
Allred, Dave	141-B	3941	Leland, George (Mickey)	417-A	3267
Atkinson, Hamp	425	5887	Lewis, Gibson (Gib)	G-52-B	3878
Bailey, Kay	411-B	4221	McAlister, R. B.	404-D	5867
Baker, Andrew Z	148-B	5749	McBee, Susan Gurley	G-55-B-1	2763
Barrientos, Gonzalo	154-F	3072	McDonald, Felix	143-B	2849
Bigham, John	148-C	5795	McDonald, T. H., Sr.	315-A	5893
Bird, Ronald	313-D	5809	Madla, Frank	148-D	5677
Blake, Roy	351-B	3619	Maloney, Robert	109-F	5693
Blythe, W. J., Jr. (Bill)	313-E	2401	Mankins, Jimmy	413-A	3584
Bock, Bennie II	G-73-A	5987	Martin, Elmer	147-A	6239
Boone, Latham III	427-A	4517	Massey, Tom C.	151-C	6229
Brown, Albert (Al)	411-A	4673	Mattox, Jim	403-B	5807
Bryant, John	315-C	5873	Mayes, Ed	G-59-A	2909
Bynum, Ben	M-109-A-1	3626	Miller, Chris	352-B	5814
Caldwell, Neil	102-A-1	5773	Montoya, Greg	110-D	4732
Canales, Terry	106-A	6197	Moreno, Paul	407-B	2241
Caraway, Bill	G-73-B-1	3202	Munson, Ben	150-C	2983
Cartlidge, Tom	151-B	5764	Nabers, Lynn	357-B	5941
Cartwright, Donald	G-66-D-2	3700	Newton, Jon P.	109-D	5943
Cates, Phil	145-B	3883	Nichols, R. C. (Nick)	412-A	5751
Chavez, Melchor	154-G	2535	Nowlin, James	109-B	5869
Clark, Bill	354-B	3640	Nugent, James E.	345	2005
Clark, Jim	143-C	3103	O'Kelley, Robert	360	6269
Clayton, Bill (SPEAKER)	241	3311	Olson, Lyndon, Jr.	154-B	5971
Close, G. R. (Bob)	352-C	3127	Parker, Carl A.	154-D	3078
Coleman, Ronald	316-C	6279	Parker, Walt	104-A	3416
Coody, W. G. (Bill)	G-55-B-2	5635	Pentony, Joe	316-D	5625
Craddick, Tom	109-C	4305	Peveto, Wayne	412-C	4293
Davis, Robert E.	G-69-A	4461	Polumbo, Anthony (Tony)	410-B	6647
Delco, Wilhelmina	413-C	5973	Powers, Pike	403-D	4261
Denson, Woody	403-A	5933	Presnal, Bill	302-C-1	5654
Denton, Lane	G-57-C-3	5775	Preston, George L.	102-B-1	5727
Donaldson, Jerry (Nub)	144-C	2992	Ragsdale, Paul B.	M-416-C-1	5923
Dramberger, A. L. (Tony)	110-E	4506	Rains, Don	351-A	2195
Earle, Ronald	G-57-C-2	6461	Reyes, Ben T.	416-A	6249
Edwards, Jimmie C. III	407-A	5745	Reynolds, Richard	114-D	5951
Evans, Charles W.	G-57-C-4	5779	Ribak, Abraham	154-C	3953
Ezzell, Michael	108-A	2617	Rucker, Calvin	108-B	4343
Finney, Dave	304	5769	Salem, Joe	G-59-B	3316
Florence, Buck	114-C	2019	Schieffer, Tom	G-70	5791
Fox, Milton	413-D	4693	Semos, Chris V.	145-A	2095
Garcia, A. C. (Tony)	M-143-B-2	2181	Sherman, W. C. (Bud)	400-A	3742
Garcia, Matt	106-B	6188	Short, E. L.	113-B	4192
Gaston, Frank	403-E	5921	Simpson, Bob	140-B	3706
Geiger, Richard	313-B	5875	Slack, Richard C.	149	3434
Gilley, Smith	145-C	3882	Slay, C. L. (Chester)	410-C-1	2930
Grant, Ben Z.	417-B	3097	Smith, Carlyle	305-B	5895
Green, Forrest	315-B	5757	Spurlock, Joe II	354-A	3218
Green, R. E. (Gene)	110-C	2813	Stubbeman, David	404-F	3597
Hale, L. DeWitt	113-A	5824	Sullivant, Bill	110-F	5753
Hall, Anthony	404-G	5847	Sutton, G. J.	141-A	4152
Hall, William (Billy)	416-B	2077	Tanner, Perry A., Jr.	G-4-B	3932
Hanna, Joe C.	349	3865	Tarbox, Elmer L.	400-D	2553
Harris, Ed J.	154-H	4329	Temple, Arthur (Buddy)	316-A	4244
Hartung, Frank	413-B	5797	Thompson, Senfronia	154-E	3264
Head, Fred	355-B	2954	Torres, Ruben	109-E	2624
Heatly, W. S. (Bill)	302-D-1	2192	Truan, Carlos	417-C	5743
Henderson, Don	150-B	3164	Uher, D. R. (Tom)	106-C	3945
Hendricks, Bob	G-61-B	5885	Vale, R. L. (Bob)	153-A	2817
Hernandez, Joe L.	412-B	5697	Vaughan, Kenneth	110-B	5857
Hilliard, Bill	G-52-A	3601	Vick, Larry	144-A	5918
Hoestenbach, John	G-4-C	5673	Von Dohlen, Tim	G-09	3722
Hollowell, Bill	353-A	5733	Washington, Craig A.	416-C-1	5828
Hubenak, Joe A.	G-56-B-1	2573	Waters, Ron	M-143-B-1	5627
Hudson, Samuel W. III	154-A	3479	Watson, Ed R.	427-B	2228
Hutchison, Ray	151-A	2791	Weddington, Sarah	357-A	5975
Johnson, Eddie Bernice	302-A	5925	Whitehead, Emmett H.	417-D-1	5737
Jones, Gene	410-A	2815	Whitmire, John H.	404-E	5931
Jones, Luther	G-4-A	6289	Wieting, Leroy J.	140-A	4383
Kaster, James	144-B	3885	Willis, Doyle	147-B	5831
Korioth, A. J. (Al)	313-C	5843	Wilson, John	109-A	2189
Kubiak, Dan	G-66-D-1	3563	Wyatt, Joe	G-70	5841

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WICHITA 1	JIM WELLS 149	NUECES 147

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B. HALL	JOE ALLEN
WEBB 141	HARRIS 9

HUTCHISON	NUGENT
DALLAS 17	KERR 142

PENTONY	MARTIN
HARRIS 144	MITCHELL 146

HEATLY	TARBOX
COTTLE 148	LUBBOCK 25

DENSON	GARCIA
HARRIS 139	BEXAR 137

L. JONES	HENDRICKS
EL PASO 135	COLLIN 133

TEMPLE	PRESTON
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LYNN 140	HARRIS 138

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HALE 136	MATAGORDA 134

NABERS	NEWTON
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HUDSON	RAGSDALE
DALLAS 127	DALLAS 125

CARAWAY	WASHINGTON
HARRIS 123	HARRIS 121

F. McDONALD	EARLE
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VALE	SUTTON
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RAINS	BOCK
HAYS 124	COMAL 122

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G. JONES	G. GREEN
HARRIS 111	HARRIS 109

LELAND	LARY
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F. GREEN	WHITEHEAD
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T. GARCIA	A. HALL
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B. CLARK	SCHIEFFER
SMITH 87	TARRANT 85

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VICK	SMITH
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Bailey	138
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Barrientos	86
Bigham	45
Bird	113
Blake	57
Blythe	15
Bock	122
Boone	70
Brown	8
Bryant	73
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Canales	149
Caraway	123
Cartlidge	28
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Clark, B.	87
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Close	75
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Coody	30
Craddick	80
Davis	59
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Denson	139
Denton	115
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Dramberger	62
Earle	117
Edwards	31
Evans	38
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Finney	16
Florence	55
Fox	104
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Hernandez	67
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Hudson	127
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RESTAURANTS NEAR CAPITOL

HERITAGE SOCIETY'S 1886 LUNCHROOM, in Driskill Hotel, 116 E. 6th Strret. Soups, salads and wonderful desserts.

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN COFFEE SHOP, 701 Congress Avenue

THE COMMON MARKET, 304 W. 13th Street. Imported foods; good mushroom quiche. Dine at sidewalk tables or upstairs in bad weather.

SASCHA'S, 311 W. 6th, Russian and German crusine, varying luncheon specials. Outdoor garden. Inexpensive to moderate.

THE OYSTER BAR, 15th and Lavaca. Good shrimp salad; crowded during lunch hour. Inexpensive to moderate.

POLONAISE, 24th floor of the Westgate Building, 1122 Colorado Street. Beautiful view of Austin; varied menu. Moderate to expensive.

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION CAFETERIA, 101 E. 15th, behind capitol.

ERICH'S, 1801 Lavaca at Cambridge Towers. Buffet offers fine array of salads but less spectacular entrees. Bar. Moderate to expensive.

MAMA ELENI'S ATHENIAN RESTAURANT, 1301 Lavaca. Greek food. Moderate.

OLD VIENNA, 801 Rio Grande. Lunch served 11:30 to 2:00 p.m. Expensive.

GORDO'S, restored building at 421 E. 6th Street. 19th Century atmosphere; combination restaurant/pool hall. Sandwiches, soup, cheeses.

OLD PECAN STREET INTERNATIONAL CAFE, 314 E 6th Street. Quaint restored building. Quiche, salads.

RIVER CITY INN, 304 E. 6th Street. Another restoration. Varied menu. Bar.

DRISKILL HOTEL CABARET, Driskill Hotel, 117 E. 7th Street. Cabaret atmosphere.

CAPITOL COFFEE SHOP, in basement of capitol. Good tacos!

THE RED TOMATO, 1601 Guadalupe, one block north of Legislative Office. Spaghetti, hard-crust pizza, and good sausage sandwiches.

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EVALUATION SHEET

LOBBY SCHOOL

Excellent Good Fair Poor

What was most helpful?

Least helpful?

What improvements would you like to suggest?

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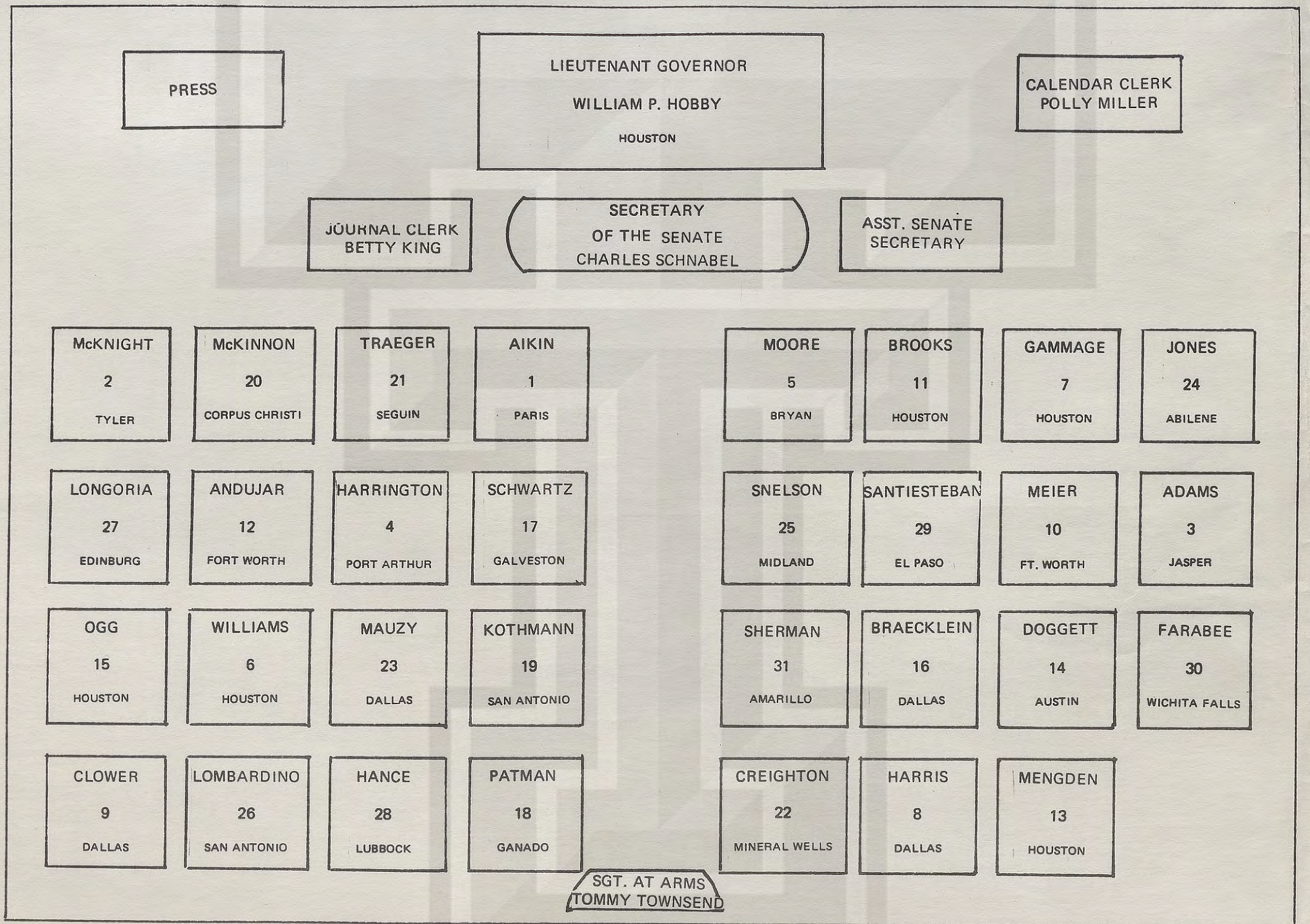
Did you like the alternative of having a tour?

What would you like to do next time?

Did you spend enough time with your legislator(s)?

Do you wish to have the two days combined continued?

Any other suggestions? Please use back of sheet for additional comments.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LOBBYING TAKES MANY FORMS

Each League member represents the League of Women Voters. As such, any contacts you have with legislators is for the purpose of building a permanent, friendly relationship for the League.

It should be borne in mind that there are at least three purposes in interviewing or visiting a legislator.

1. To put the League on record in the hope of influencing the legislator's vote.
2. To obtain information or to give information by getting materials to them to promote League positions.
3. To make a friend for the League. Your interview may affect a later vote on some other measure, even if it does not have any apparent effect upon the one under immediate consideration.

When talking to your legislators:

Know your measure thoroughly and be able to answer opposition to it. Plan your approach, but keep it flexible. Give a detailed summary of positions. Have confidence in your knowledge of the subject. You will be respected for what you do know. Do everything you can to convince them of that. Information can be gleaned from Facts and Issues, And Now Action, and other materials published by the League. Don't be afraid to admit ignorance on special points.

Education of legislators is vital. So share your knowledge with them. Keep material flowing to them. Lobbying is the ability to provide information more than persuasive powers.

Let your representative talk and present his side fully. It is helpful to learn his point of view. Show a sense of humor. Do not be aggressive. Political policy should be "Love the sinner even if you hate the sin," i.e., get along with people even if you do not agree with them; these are the elected representatives with whom you must work. And thank him when he has backed something you approve. Please note and report to the state League any NEW ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE MEASURE or measures presented during the interview.

Have fun! Lobbying for the League can be a fascinating experience!

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Legislative Director's Note to LLPs: Official local League response to an Action Alert by the local League president or someone designated by here is mandatory (exception: provisional League, who do not participate in Action as a League except by permission of the State Board. Action Alerts are sent to provisional Leagues for their information only. Members of provisional Leagues may, of course, take action as individuals). We would like to know what action you have taken - send the Legislative Office a copy of your letters; tell us what the replies were, too; summarize personal contacts, phone calls, and telegrams. Tell us also what you did to stimulate action in your community. If you take no action, we must know that also, as well as the reasons for your not taking action. Good reports from you regarding the extent of your action will be of help to the State Board in evaluating League effectiveness, in shaping future action, and in overall program health. See the Local League Handbook for more information on Action.

When visiting the Capitol: Don't be careless with your remarks in the galleries, elevators or other places in the Capitol. Don't talk personalities--you may be sitting alongside that Senator's wife in the gallery. On the other hand, don't be afraid to be friendly. Sometimes a contact in the gallery can reveal lots of information. Simply exercise caution or common sense in your conversations.

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STAND BY FOR

A -- Answer the Action Alerts
C -- Cultivate the interest of your community, members, legislators
T -- Time your releases to the local Voter and local newspapers
I -- Interview your legislators when possible, involve members
O -- Offer background material to members, community legislators
N -- Now is the time to plan

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WHAT IS A LOBBYIST?

WHAT CAN YOU DO to influence legislation? How can you help to determine League goals?

1. You have POLITICAL STRENGTH because you are a voter and a constituent. You help put your representatives in office, and this gives you political influence. Belonging to an organization such as the League informs you and enables you to act in concert with others, but your real power is your status as a voter. Legislators hear from the LWV as an organization through our official channels. What they should hear from YOU is... "I am a voter in your district, and I seek your support for...." signed simply with your name as an individual.

SUCCESSFUL LEGISLATIVE ACTION IS BUILT ON CAREFUL AND CONTINUING COMMUNITY ACTION in order to achieve the two goals to which all League program is directed: education and action.

2. Remember our basic purpose--"to promote informed and active participation of citizens in government." Specific implementation depends on two things--education of members and the community in ways by which a citizen may participate positively in government and achievement of those goals that League study and consensus have defined as desirable by commitment and action.

   Having informed yourself, you must then be active...and to a Leaguer that means more than just casting a vote. It means knowing your representatives and letting them know what legislation you seek. It means informing other individuals and groups, and converting them into lobbyists for needed legislation. It means understanding that there are problems, knowing that they are seldom insoluble, and accepting compromises.

SUPPORT means taking concerted action to get legislation through when the timing is right.

3. What happens, and what do YOU do, when the State Board gives the "green light" for support of a specific bill when it is in need of membership and local League action?

   First of all, direct contact with the sponsor of the bill is usually made by the state president, the state legislative chairman, or the state item chairman. Further action by the state board might include testimony at a hearing, informal contacts with influential legislators, publicity releases, and contacts with other interested organizations.

   ACTION ALERTS are sent to local League presidents and legislative chairmen who together with the local item chairman prepare the official League letter for the president's signature. Action Alerts are also sent to Newsletter subscribers and include background information and directions on what kind of action is needed.

   League presidents or legislative chairmen should convey the information to the individual members as quickly as possible...via local bulletins, unit announcements, telephone networks, letter-writing coffees, and other methods devised by local Leagues. Each League should make a list of local legislators with addresses and committees they serve one for publication in the local bulletin with a request that members keep this information handy for Action Alerts.

You may be asked to support or oppose a bill or to try to get it out of committee. Action may consist of any of the following: letters or telegrams to your legislators, letters to the editor, personal or telephone visit with your legislators. The local League presidents explain League positions and reasons for our position. Members explain their personal views and reasons. When an Action Alert goes to your League, rather than direct to every member, try to involve as many members as possible. On all Action Alerts, involve as many in your community as you can, as well. For example, get your local officials to express their views on bills affecting local government (e.g. on county zoning or elction law measures). Get local businessman whom you know are interested in certain things to express their views at the appropriate time (contributors are a good source.).

Then, what do YOU as an individual member do? You write or phone your legislators, if time is limited, expressing your interest, and you persuade other citizens in your district to do likewise.

That is how you lobby...by speaking up!

Remember, the legislature passes the laws the voters demand...and that is how to get the laws you want.

LWV of Texas
February 1975
DPM

To: Local League Presidents
From: Joyce Morgan, Action Chm.
Re: LOBBY LAWS INFORMATION

"LOBBYING": ". . . communicating directly with one or more members of the legislative or executive branch to influence legislation . . ." [Sec. 3. (A) (1)]

We are sure you are all aware of the provisions for registering as lobbyists under the lobby act "Legislation--Persons Influencing--Registration and Reporting Requirements" (H.B.2). However, we thought stressing a few key phrases and giving you a glossary of definitions might prove helpful--especially for those who are planning to attend Lobby School and Legislative Day in Austin March 4 and 5.

DEFINITIONS

Person: An individual, corporation, association, firm, partnership, committee, club, or other organization, or a group of persons who are voluntarily acting in concert.

Legislation: A bill, resolution, amendment, nomination or other matter pending in either house of the legislature; any other matter which may be the subject of action by either house, including the introduction, consideration, passage, approval, or veto of the matter; or any matter pending in or which may be the subject of action by a constitutional convention.

Executive Branch: An officer, officer elect, candidate for or employee of any state agency, department or office in the executive branch of government.

Legislative Branch: A member, member elect, candidate for or officer of the legislature or a legislative committee or an employee of the legislature.

Communicates Directly With: Contact in person or by telephone, telegraph, or letter.

Compensation: Money, service, facility or thing of value or financial benefit, which is received or to be received in return for, or in connection with, services rendered, or to be rendered.

Expenditure: A payment, distribution, loan, advance, reimbursement, deposit, or gift of money or anything of value, and includes a contract, promise or agreement, whether or not legally enforceable to make an expenditure.

Secretary: The Secretary of State of the state of Texas.

Persons Required to Register

"Sec. 3. (A) The following persons must register with the secretary as provided in Sec. 5 of this Act:

"(1) A person who makes a total expenditure in excess of $200 in a calendar quarter, not including his own travel, food, or lodging expenses, or his own membership dues, for communicating directly with one or more members of the legislative or executive branch to influence legislation: and

"(2) A person who receives compensation or reimbursement from another to communicate directly with a member of the legislative or executive branch to influence legislation."

Registration

"Sec. 5. (A) Every person required to register under Sec. 3 of this Act shall file a registration form with the secretary within five days after the first undertaking requiring registration except as otherwise provided herein."

Referring to Sec. 3 A (1) and keeping in mind that the Lobby Act only applies to communicating with state officials, we assume that local Leagues as organizations will rarely have to register with the Secretary of State, since local Leagues are not likely to spend more than $200 in a calendar quarter to influence legislation. They should, however, keep a record of all League monies spent for that purpose, including postal, telegraph, and telephone charges, just in case they do exceed the $200 limit.

Taking particular note of Sec. 3 A (2) we believe compliance with this section will prove the most troublesome for local Leagues, for this pertains to the individual member's participation in the League lobbying process. The phrase to watch out for is "compensation or reimbursement from another." Simply stated, if a League member receives ANY reimbursement for her activity on behalf of the League, she must file as a lobbyist. There is no minimum amount stipulated.

Some explicit examples:

1. A member is asked by the local League to represent that League at a legislative hearing. As a designated spokesman whose expenses are paid by the League, that member must register.
2. A local League committee chairman uses her home phone to call a state representative urging that representative to support legislation which the League endorses. If the chairman receives payment for the cost of the telephone call, she must register.
3. Four League members drive to Austin for Lobby School, where they will meet with their state senator and discuss League concerns about proposed legislation. They agree to split the cost of the gasoline, and the passengers pay the driver their "fair share" of trip expenses. The driver must then register as a lobbyist.
4. A local League has enough money to help defray expenses for its members who go to Austin for Lobby School. Each member who is then subsidized by the local League must register.

To register, a lobbyist will have to complete three forms available through the Sec. of State's office: an initial "registration form" and "activities report," and a "termination notice" form. A fourth, "supplemental registration form," will be required if there is any change in the information contained in the original registration form. These forms must be filed with the Sec. of State within five days of the "first undertaking." If the activity is completed in one action, the three forms may be submitted simultaneously. (If, however, there is an extended period of communication, continuing activities reports must be submitted by certain prescribed dates.) All forms must be notarized.

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A final reminder: As long as a League member uses League facilities and League materials when communicating with state officials for the purpose of influencing legislation and League expenses do not exceed $200 in a calendar quarter, that member does not have to register. Nor does the member who pays out of her own funds and does not exceed the $200 limit.

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Mrs. Thomas Brasher
Legislative Director

TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION

Unfortunately, bills for a constitutional convention are on the back burner for the moment. Rep. Hutchison, chairman of the House Committee on Constitutional Revision, is following his own schedule which calls for reviewing all of the single article revisions, the revisions of the entire constitution, and revisions of portions of articles before considering a new convention. Rep. Waters and Rep. Denson protested this plan, but to no avail. The Senate Committee seems to be taking up this schedule also.

On Feb. 18 the House committee had a hearing on all resolutions revising articles 2 (Separation of Powers), 3 (Legislature), and 4(Executive), and all resolutions which would amend any of these articles. No formal action was taken. In the course of testimony, Rep. Pentony said that if article-by-article revision is followed, articles 7 (Education) and 10 (General Provisions) will probably be defeated by the legislature. He predicted that article 8 (Finance) might also go down in defeat. He felt that the other seven articles could be passed and sent out to the voters.

On Feb 24 the House committee took testimony on articles 6 (Voter Qualifications), 7 (Education), and 8 (Finance), and on those resolutions amending those articles. Article 5 (Judiciary) has been sent to the Judiciary Committee and the Committee on Judicial Affairs for informal review. William H. Abington of Texas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Assn., and Eugene Robbins of the Texas Good Roads Assn. were present to oppose portions of the Finance Article, Section 7(a) pertaining to the petroleum refinery tax as an exception in the Highway Fund. Ed McKay of the Texas Farm Bureau was against market value assessment on land actually used for agriculture. Again, no formal action was taken.

The Senate Committee on the Texas Constitution took testimony Feb. 24 on articles 2,3, and 4 in SJR 1 by Patman and SJR 11 by Gammage. SJR 1 is a single amendment that submits the entire constitution as proposed in Resolution #32 of the 1974 convention. SJR 11 is a single resolution proposing ten amendments to the Constitution for an article-by-article revision as proposed in Resolution #1. Articles 2 and 3 are identical in the two resolutions. In Article 4, Section 24(b), SJR 1 contains additional language limiting mandatory consideration of bills of renewal of agencies to those agencies with less than two years remaining from the legislative session in which the bill is introduced. SJR 11 mandates consideration of any bill renewing the life of an agency. No action taken.

SCHOOL FINANCE

A school plan backed by the Texas State Teachers Assn. has been introduced in the Senate by Aikin, Schwartz, and six other senators (SB 37). Hale sponsored the House bill (HB 420). The bill revises and expands our current foundation program and would require an estimated $2.1 to $2.2 billion in new state money during the next biennium.

Rep. Kubiak introduced his school finance bill (HB 946) Feb 24. His bill would increase the state's share of total state finance costs from the current 52% to 80%. Kubiak says the biennial increase in state monies would be between $1.1 to $1.3 billion.

Gov. Briscoe called a news conference Feb. 26 to announce that his bill, developed by Richard Hooker, would be introduced in the Senate by Mauzy and in the House by Massey, both of whom are chairmen of the education committees. His bill would result in a biennial increase in state spending of $589.9 million over and above the $330 million increase mandated under existing law.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

SB 66 by Doggett - Support

At a hearing of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources on Feb. 26, the room was crowded with people eager to testify, and the hearing will be continued on March 5. SB 66 seemed favored over SB 55 by Sherman by most people attending. A major difference in the two bills is that SB 66 calls for administration by the General Land Office and SB 55 would have the Railroad Commission oversee surface mining regulation. LWV testimony for SB 66, which will be given at the next meeting, concentrates on three points:

1. Knowing of the intense search for energy resources, there can be little doubt that Texas lignite will be stripmined extensively. And this probability makes obvious the need for adequate safeguards to assure that Texas land is not unduly abused in the process.
2. The LWV approves the choice of the administering agency as set forth in this bill. The General Land Office has demonstrated both expertise and commitment to care for land, and is, we think, a logical choice.
3. Being strong advocates of citizen participation in the governmental process, the LWV is pleased to note that provisions for such participation are included in this bill.

SB 20 by Doggett - Support

Grants right to any resident of the State to file suit in a district court for injunctive relief or civil penalties or both. The right to sue will be granted against violations of any provision of the Texas Clean Air Act, the Solid Waste Disposal Act, the Texas Water Quality Control Act, the Water Code or any other statute, rule, regulation, order, or ordinance for the protection of the air, water, and other natural resources from pollution, impairment or destruction.

HB 436 and HB 437 by Waters also deal with suits for the protection of air, water, and natural resources and will be reported on later.

The League has supported bills giving this right in the past, and we will support again this session. SB 20 has been referred to the Judiciary Committee and a hearing has not been scheduled yet. We will notify you when action is anticipated.

HB 51 by Hall of Harris, Blythe, et al - Endorse

Creation of single or multi-county rapid transit authorities in counties with a population of more than 1,200,000. Only those Leagues having a consensus position on Mass Transit may take action.

HB 242 by Bigham - Support

Texas Environmental Protection Agency Act. Establishes a single environmental agency headed by a commissioner (appointed by Gov.) who can instigate suits established on appeals board. Includes TWQB, TACB, Dept. of Health, Dept. of Agriculture, Parks and Wildlife, and the Railroad Commission. Effective 9-1-75. (State Affairs) Wait for Action Alert.

SB 291 by Braecklein - FYI

Management Act. This bill relates to the powers, duties, and functions of certain state agencies; establishes a state policy on the environment and also creates an Office of Environmental Quality headed by a commissioner appointed by the governor. However, it is an extra agency and will probably not be acceptable to the legislature because of the expense involved. Also requires an Environmental Impact statement.

HB 251 by Truan - FYI

Relates to the membership of the Texas Water Quality Board. Increases membership of the Board from 7 to 9 members but does not include agency heads. (Natural Resources Com.)

HB 267 by Allen - Endorse

Gives attorney-general power to intervene on behalf of public to prevent environmental degradation. (Natural Resources Committee)

HB 271 by Allen - FYI

Creates the Bays and Estuaries Protection Agency as an autonomous division of the Parks and Wildlife Dept. Composed of 6 members: Chairmen of PWC, TWRC, TWQB, TWDB, Commissioner of the Land Office, and chairman of the Council of Marine Related Affairs, or a designated representative. Provides for applications and permits dealing with estuarine areas, appeals and penalties. (Natural Resources Committee)

HB 274 by Salem - FYI

This bill also relates to the membership of the Texas Water Quality Board and is similar to HB 251 by Truan in that it has 9 members appointed by the governor. However the makeup of the Board is more specific. One of the members shall be a physician knowledgeable in the health aspects of water pollution; one a sanitary engineer knowledgeable in the area of solid waste disposal; one a licensed petroleum engineer knowledgeable about water pollution problems associated with oil production; and the ramaining six knowledgeable about the state's water pollution problems and interested in protecting the quality of water in the state. Members serve staggered terms of six years. (Environmental Affairs Committee)

HB 590 by Denton, Bigham - Endorse

Requires that all pollution complaints be made public record and agencies required to make monthly reports. This bill is identical to SB 21 by Doggett reported in last Newsletter, except that it includes the Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority among the agencies. Other agencies included for the requirements are TWQB, TACB, Dept. of Health, Parks and Wildlife, Railroad Commission, and the attorney general.

HSR 40 by Blythe - FYI

Creates a special interim study committee to study all facets of the state's environmental programs. (State Affairs Committee)

HJR 67 by Massey

This is the Texas Water Plan again. An analysis will be included next week.

HCR 54 by Newton - FYI

Creates a special interim committee to study the feasibility of employing solid waste to generate energy and to augment the reserves of various natural resources; to study ways to promote the development of solid waste recovery procedures. Introduced Feb. 19 and referred to Committee on Energy Resources.

HUMAN RESOURCES

FYI HB 350 by Miller, et al - Creating a Texas Commission on the Status of Women. Introduced
SB 125 by Andujar Jan. 29 and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

Purpose: To collect and distribute information and study subjects relating to the opportunities, needs, problems, and contributions of women in Texas.

Membership: Nine members appointed by the governor; 3 members appointed by the Lt. Gov.; 3 members appointed by the Speaker of the House. Must include homemakers, persons in business and the professions, and persons not employed outside their homes. Must have exhibited an interest in areas of concern to women.

Office terms: Six-year staggered terms.

Members will serve without compensation but will be entitled to reimbursement by the state for all actual expenses incurred in performance of their duties. Will meet quarterly and shall prepare a report to the governor and the legislature for each regular legislative session. The commission shall appoint an advisory panel composed of representatives of public and private groups that administer laws or programs of interest in the opportunities, needs, or contributions of women, to meet at least twice each year.

Housing

FYI SJR 32 by Lombardino
HJR 59 by Ribak

Proposed constitutional amendment which would allow the state to provide housing assistance to senior citizens by making grants or loans for that purpose to individuals or political subdivisions of the state. The legislature by general law may provide for the issuance of general obligation bonds not to exceed $75 million to provide funds to finance assistance programs authorized by the bill.

SB 136 by Meier

Creating a Housing Finance Agency to issue revenue bonds, like the GI land program, and finance low-interest loans for homes for low-income people.

HB 663 by Allen
HB 664 by Jones

Creating Housing Finance Agency for low-income home loans and neighborhood preservations loans.

Human Relations Commission

FY I HB 635 by Truan

Creating a Human Relations Commission.

For the past two sessions, the League has actively supported a Human Relations Commission with enforcement powers at the state level, based on a position which came out of a 1970 study. So far the bill has had little success in maneuvering through the legislature. Again this session Truan has introduced a bill similar to his HB 184 in 1973, which was substituted by Brooks' SB 558, which passed the Senate, but never came out of House committee.

Briefly, HB 635 of this session has the same commission makeup - 9 commissioners appointed by the governor with the advice of the Senate, apportioned so that no more than 1/3 of the total membership represents any major ethnic group and so each major ethnic group in the state is represented - apportionment to be determined by the latest federal population census. Each Commissioner serves a six-year staggered term. Members are eligible for reappointment, and the governor may remove a commissioner for inefficiency, misconduct, malfeasance in office, etc., after a written statement of the charges and an opportunity to be

Under the terms of the bill, an individual aggrieved by an alleged discriminatory act, or his agent, a commissioner, the attorney general, or a civil rights organization may file a charge complaining of that act within one year. When a charge is filed, the commission shall investigate the charge, after a copy of the charge is furnished each party.

The bill covers lengthy procedures for filing, temporary judicial restraining orders, judicial review, enforcement, injunction, appropriate affirmative action, and appeals.

One of the major changes in this bill from the one last session is that the commissioners receive no salary for their service on the commission--only compensation for expenses incurred in attending meetings of the commission.

A more detailed account of what the bill contains and testimony given on HB 184 from the last session is contained in Newsletter #3 of March 1973.

HB 635 was introduced Feb. 12 and was referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

Child Abuse

In January the state board passed the following resolution:

> The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Texas resolves that the problem of child abuse in the state of Texas is of such magnitude as to merit immediate and adequately funded action by the state government. The widest possible dissemination of information about and discussion of this problem is encouraged.

Two bills - HB 597 by Semos and HB 524 by Nowlin - relating to the failure to report child abuse or neglect were heard in the Judiciary Committee at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18. HB 597 was referred to subcommittee. Following is a report by Sally Scott, Capitol Corps observer:

HB 524 is a curious bill designed to take a law passed in the 1973 legislative session concerning failure to report child abuse and include it in the present family code. So basically it is a housekeeping procedure and does not affect the current legality of the bill. The law states that persons who know of child abuse or neglect and fail to report it are committing a misdemeanor offense subject to a maximum fine of $500 and a possible jail term.

There was mixed reaction when this bill was read before the Judiciary committee. One legislator said, "You mean to say we already passed this bill out of this committee last session? Where was I? I must have been asleep to let this get by me."

Up until now the constitutional legality of this bill has not been tested. However,at the end of January a child was admitted to a Texas hospital having been beaten to death (according to the testimony of Raymond Vowell, Department of Public Welfare Commissioner). The father was jailed immediately under charges of manslaughter. They might have put the mother in jail as an accessory except she was pregnant and there were two additional children in the home. One of these was removed by the welfare department because of evidence of numerous bruises. It was discovered that there were four neighbors who were aware of the conditions of the children, and Vowell has authorized serving them with misdemeanor charges for failure to report the abuse. We are not sure w hen these cases will come to court, but they should be interesting to follow.

It may be difficult to prove a person's neglect in reporting child abuse, but as Vowell said, "For the life and safety of our children it is necessary to have such a bill." The bill was reported favorably from committee and passed to engrossment as amended.

SB 32 by Adams, also dealing with child abuse and failure to report was introduced and referred to subcommitte on Civil Matters Jan. 28.

STATE-LOCAL RELATIONS

Endorse

HJR 11 by Reynolds - County Home Rule. Amending Article IX of the Texas Constitution by adding a new Section 3, which was repealed in 1969, allowing (a) the legislature to provide by general law that a county may adopt, amend, or repeal a home-rule charter with the approval of a majority of the qualified voters of the county voting on the question;(b) the legislature to provide by general law for a county to make provision in its charter for the consolidation or elimination of constitutional or statutory offices and for the reassignment of the functions of those offices; (c) a county that adopts a charter to perform all functions of government required of counties by the constitution or laws of the state. No charter or ordinance may be inconsistent with the laws of the state. If a county charter or ordinance conflicts with a charter or ordinance of an incorporated city or town, the municipal ordinance prevails within the municipality's jurisdiction as defined by law.

This joint resolution would be submitted to the voters at the November 1976 election.

This proposed amendment is in keeping with our position on State-Local Relations: Support of more flexible structures and adequate powers at the local level. Therefore, we endorse this proposal.

Over-view of the S-LR/Land use legislation now pending in various committees. We are watching and will probably endorse at a later date some of the following bills:

Paired Bills: HB 60 and SB 57 by Kaster of El Paso and Longoria of Edinburg

County Development Standards Act. This legislation provides counties with regulatory powers to sub-divide unincorporated areas and to regulate construction and require performance bonds. This provides counties with enforcement capabilities, including waste disposal facilities. Also provides power to establish on-sight inspection including appropriate fees.

Enforcement includes right to refuse to issue construction permits, and to classify any violation as a class "C" misdemeanor.

HB 61 by Kaster of El Paso

County Land Management Act. Allows adoption of a comprehensive plan to regulate the use of land in unincorporated areas. May divide into districts with uniform use regulations in each district but uses may vary from district to district. Required no election.

HB 63 by Kaster of El Paso

Same as HB 61 but subject to acceptance of the plan by a majority of the qualified voters in the unincorporated areas of the county.

HB 14 by Coleman

County Land Use Management Act. Roughly this one combines the measures in HBs 60, 61, and 63. Grant counties of 100,000 population to regulate land development outside the limits of incorporated towns and cities.

HJR 12 by Reynolds -- Committee on Constitutional Revision

Amendment to grant ordinance making powers to counties.

HB 496 by Kaster of El Paso -- Committee on State Affairs

Establishes a statewide land use management program. The state sets minimum guidelines in "areas of State interest." Local governments designate the areas of state interest within their jurisdiction and administers the program. The areas of State interest are mineral resources areas, natural hazards areas (including floodplains, wildfire, geological hazards), historic areas, areas around key facilities (airport, major utility facilities, highway interchanges, and mass transit terminals). Would not use the comprehensive land use plan but would allow the agencies most appropriate (i.e., Water Development Board for floodplains) to establish guidelines and for the local governments to decide where to apply.

HB 555 by Dramberger, Nowlin -- Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

Also cited as County Land Management Act. County court to have authority to regulate and restrict construction and development in unincorporated areas. Commissioners shall formulate a county zoning plan and hold hearings. This plan to be submitted to the qualified voters of the county. Otherwise similar to HB 61 including method of appeal of grievance and enforcement penalties.

HB 45 Amending the Municipal Annexation Act -- Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

This amendment is designed to put some teeth into the existing powers of the cities over their ETJs. This deletes the section saying that the violation of the restrictions over Extraterritorial Jurisdictions by cities in no way constitutes a misdemeanor and grants to the cities the right to pursue injunctive relief.

SJR 19 Local Government Section of the Constitution -- Committee on Constitutional Revision

Same article as the Convention produced.

E R A

HB 666 by Preston

Hearing on this bill was held on Feb. 26 on the house floor. League President Veta Winick testified for the league along with other opponents of the bill. Only one witness testified in favor of the bill, which proposes a non-binding referendum on ERA on the April 22 ballot. The bill was sent to subcommittee. The subcommittee is chaired by Munson and includes Short of Tahoka, Spurlock of Ft. Worth, Vale of San Antonio, and Ronnie Earle of Austin, and is a group which we feel will be sympathetic to our position.

ELECTION LAWS

HB 58 by Kaster - Support

Changes date of primaries and conventions. Primary election day: 1st Tues. in Aug, beginning in 1976. Second primary (runoff): 1st Tues. in Sept. Filing date: not later than 6:00 p.m. on the 3rd Monday in May. In gubernatorial election years, the county and senatorial district conventions will be held on the 2nd Saturday after the general primary day (precinct elections continue to be held on election day). The state convention will be on the 3rd Tuesday in Sept.

In Presidential election years, precinct conventions would be held on the second Saturday in May, county and senatorial district conventions will be held on the third Saturday in May, and the state convention would be on the 3rd Tuesday after the first Monday in June.

For parties which do not hold primary elections: For parties which polled 2% to 20% for governor in the last election, the precinct, county, and state conventions will be held in May and June. Parties which polled less than 2% or new parties must file a list of participants in precinct conventions totalling 1% of the vote for governor by August 10, following its state convention.

Independent or nopartisan candidates must apply within 10 days after the 2nd primary with the requisite number of names on the application.

HB 133 by Hilliard - Support

Eliminates requirement for voting absentee in the presence of a notary or a person authorized to administer oaths.

A voter who gives false information in his application for an absentee ballot is guilty of a misdemeanor.

HB 812 by Harris - Support

Permits creation of office of county elections administrator in counties with a population of 100,000 or more by order of the commissioners court, establishes a county elections commission to appoint the administrator.

The county elections commission will be composed of: county judge (chairman), county clerk (vice-chairman), tax assessor-collector (clerk), chairman of county executive committee of each political party entitled to hold primary elections and two additional members of the executive committee (selected by the committee).

The Commissioners court fixes the amount of the administrators salary, and the number, grade, and salaries of paid deputies, assistants, and other emoloyees in the office. It must also provide for furnishing the administrator with office space and with the necessary equipment and operating expenses.

Term of office of the administrator is two years beginning Feb. 1 in each Odd-numbered year. Between Jan 1 and Jan. 15 preceding the expiration of the term, the commission must meet to make an appointment for the succeeding term.

Duties of administrator: (1) Registration of voters (2) Conduct of elections (3) Selection of presiding judge and alternate judge for each precinct. The selections, if approved by the commission, are submitted to the commissioners court which appoints the officials "unless good cause exists for rejecting the election commission's recommendations." The administrator may require "that all persons considered for appointment as a presiding judge or alternate presiding judge be trained in election procedures and laws prior to their appointment and may bar from consideration for such appointment all those who are not so schooled or trained." (4) Selection of polling places for designation by the commissioners court (5) Administrator may contract with other governmental bodies and political parties to conduct training schools for election workers and conduct elections held by those bodies, subject to approval by the county elections commission and the county commissioners court.

HB 152 by Massey - FYI

Consolidates election duties of county clerks and voter registration duties of tax assessor-collector. County clerk is designated as registrar of voters unless the county commissioners court designates the tax assessor-collector as registrar or, in counties with more than 200,000 inhabitants, a county elections administrator is appointed.

If the commissioners court appoints a county elections administrator, he will be in charge of registration of voters and the conduct of elections. The administrator must be a resident of this state, but need not be a resident of the county at the time of his appointment. He must reside in the county during his tenue in office.

Salary should not exceed salary paid to the county clerk of that county. Appointed for 2 years beginning Feb. 1 in each odd-numbered year. Must be bonded for the faithful performance of his duties.

Office of county elections administrator may be abolished at any time after two years have elapsed from the date of the order creating it, effective at the expiration of the current term of the administrator. If the office is abolished, the duties of the office are to be performed by the county clerk.

HB 523 by Nowlin - FYI

Changes distance within which electioneering and loitering are prohibited from 100 feet to 200 feet of any outside door through which a voter may enter the building in which a polling place is located.

HB 363 by Fox, Harris, et al - FYI

Eliminates the provision of law permitting a person to be a candidate for the office of President or Vice President of the U. S. and also of an office requiring a state vote for election on the same ballot. (This is the so-called Johnson law.)

HB 143 by Geiger - FYI

Tabled by House Elections Committee at Geiger's request on Feb. 24. (Description of bill in Newsletter No. 3)

HB 118 by Reynolds - FYI

This bill provides for annual purging. On Feb. 24 it was sent to the same subcommittee that is hearing HB 849 (see below).

SB 300 by Snelson - See Newsletter No. 3

Reported favorably by State Affairs Committee on Feb. 24. Ten amendments were added in committee. The most important was that the (1) law would go into effect immediately, (2) there is an apellate procedure that may be started within ten days of notice cancellation and cancellation is not in effect during the appeal process, and (3) persons may vote in their old precinct up to six months after they have moved (was 30 days).

HB 849 by Geiger - (Same as SB 300 by Snelson)

Sent to a friendly subcommittee composed of Atkinson (chairman), Nichols, and Powers to study the effects of the amendments already placed on SB 300.

VOTING RIGHTS

SB 165 by Ogg - FYI

Requiring use of bilingual election materials and voter registration materials in English and Spanish in certain areas, and permitting use of bilingual materials in others.

In 1973 there were federal court rulings in Pennsylvanis, New Jersey, Illinois, and New York, ordering states to provide materials in both English and Spanish. In New Jersey, the court ordered that two additional District Board of Elections members bilingual in Spanish and English, one Democrat and one Republican, be appointed to assist the Spanish-speaking voter, the sample ballot be printed in Spanish and be posted conspicuously in the polling place, and that signs be posted asserting that a Spanish translation of the English sample ballot is available and bilingual officials are also available for assistance. The New York ruling also orders signs at polling places and bilingual personnel available in election districts with 5% or more "Puerto Rican or other Hispanic persons."

Provisions: Bilingual materials must be provided in counties in which 5% or more of people are "persons of Spanish Language", according to the last decennial federal census. Precincts within the county can be exempted from the requirement if "persons of Spanish language comprise less than 5% of the inhabitants of the precinct." Instruction cards, instructions on use of voting devices, ballots and ballot labels, affidavit forms, materials for absentee voting, and voter registration application forms must be in bilingual form.

The bill does not provide for bilingual personnel at the polling place or at the registrar's office. It also does not provide for bilingual sample ballots although it provides for translations posted if printing of the ballot in both languages is not feasible.

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SO.

TO: Brasher
FROM: Naman
RE: Lobby School/Legislative Day Plans

12-11-74

Generally, your plans and the outline is good. Forthwith, my specific comments:

1) Dolph Briscoe - HO! HO! HO! Do you really think he'll come???

2) Questions, if time? -- By all means!!!!!

3) Brown-bagging it for lunch that day would be a bit difficult, particularly for members coming from any distance. Why not just plan Picnic Lunch on or IN the capitol...and order from the Common Market or some place in advance and provide cold drinks, etc.?

4) Would ½ hr. be enough for a decent "workshop"? Maybe you should circulate the LL's and see if they would prefer a choice of 1 or 2 out of 4 lasting 2 hrs. or 1 hr. each..... or all 4 together, ½ hr. each?

5) Let's try to have a dinner like we did 2 yrs. ago.....and either have someone exciting, like Martha Griffiths (WHO will have to pay her expenses???), or show the film from C.C. Whatever, I feel we should not invite the legislators.....let this be OUR day and OUR thing.

6) I do have the right to change my mind about some things, don't I? As for after dinner alternatives, I VOTE TO CONGREGATE AT THE BEER-GARDEN AND ASK THE LEGISLATORS TO JOIN US! It occurs to me that we are always up there pushing at them....maybe we should set aside some time to have them as our guests, just for some fun and some informal talking! Could we afford to do this? Could we reserve this place or some other "fun" place just for ourselves?

7) I'm not convinced that Lunch with the Legislators is always so successful, since there are always flubs and some of them don't show up, etc., and we all have to talk with our mouths full or bolt lunch down or watch them bolt lunch down! Also, this kind of thing sometimes ends up being a financial burden on some of the Leagues. Could we either skip having the legislators or make it some kind of less-formal affair where there could be more talk and less food? If we have the get-together the night before, should we ask them to meet with us again the next day.....and would any of them come again?
What about having lunch with some other lobbyists who are working on the same things we are.....or should this be done the previous day?
Just tossing some thoughts into the hopper to try to make it a bit different.....in the hopes that variety will add some spice and some excitement to everyone's anticipation. Let's don't have 'em say, well, the League is doing the same ole' thing again!!!

8) I would leave 2-5 p.m. the 2nd day hanging very loose. Many Leaguers will be ready to head for home.....after all, it will have been a fairly intense ~~WW~~ day and a half! Why not offer alternatives like "attend committee hearings, if you want", "sign up for a Nuclear Fusion Tour, if you like", "leave early, if you desire", etc.

9) Don't expect LL's to come in for 2 nights....most of the girls will be paying their own way and can't afford it. Yes, I think Board members should all try to stay at the same hotel.....but then, I think everyone should be at the same hotel, if possible. I'm not sure I think Board members ought to be staying with each other.....perhaps we ought to mix up with some of the LL's...and see what the "ordinary" people are like, as well as let them get a feel of us, for a change! We som times give the impression that we are too much an exclusive or isolated group.
Why don't you block out a large group of rooms, based on previous year's attendance? Why don't we charge Board members' expenses against Lobbying, your portfolio? No, I'm just kidding!!! But can't part of it be charged as Legislative Projects' expense??? After all, we would'nt be there ~~unless~~ except for Lobby School/Legislative Day? Can we have Board members stay over for an afternoon mini-meeting and charge some of it to "Board meetings"? We could probably well stand to have to short get-together in between Jan. meeting and El Paso!!!!!

10) Yes, you need to have some sort of kits.....and yes, you need to charge a registration fee! We will have expenses and if you look at the budget for this year, you will see that we have budgeted income and expenses for Legis. proj. Yes, send out the "feeler". Put the question about the tour at the very end.....that is supplemental to the main

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purpose of the whole thing! And don't ask the question about it being planned as a separate day. Yes, ask about their preference for lunch or dinner with the legislators but remind them they will have to bear the costs of dinner or lunch not only for themselves but also for the legislators. ~~Xax~~ Ask them for suggestions about a speaker they might be eager to hear.....if you don't think you all can come up with something on your own.

11) At the present moment, I am planning to come.....since I got the general idea somewhere that Board members were pretty much EXPECTED to be there! This is, of course, barring any unforeseen events in my "other" life. I will try to come up with others from Houston, either local Leaguers or Board members, I will stay at least one night (only a 2nd night for state Board/League business!) and I would like to eat! Along with youse gals or with LL's.

12) No, I can't think of anything else.....I think you have just about covered everything!

P.S. - I just saw the DATES on this thing! Believe me, I didn't receive it until the other day.....and I am VERY sorry if all my good ole' input may be too late!!!

JDN

Lobby Day '75
Leg Day

OCT 15 1974

October 10, 1974

To: Titus cc: SO, Anderson, Morgan
From: Brasher

Meg, I took a quick feel of the Austin members who were at their meeting on Tuesday, and there seemed to be some interest in your idea of the strip mining and nuclear fusion research project tours in connection with Lobby/Legislative Days. Henrietta Cragon pointed out someone at the meeting whose husband works on the nuclear fusion project who might be able to help you get some answers to some of your questions. However, I did not get her name, so you might ask Henrietta about this. Also ask Henrietta about Virginia Conkle helping with the strip-mine tour. Virginia helped out session before last in observing at EQ meetings in Austin, particularly the WQB, and she seemed mightily interested/to this idea. But check with Henrietta to see if she would be reliable for this or whether someone else might do a better job. Let me know what arrangements you come up with after you inquire, so Joyce and I can figure out what should be lined up for the two days (or three) depending on the time the tours would take, etc. If some of the people who come don't want to take both tours, perhaps we could arrange to give them a free tour at the Capitol.

The Austin League members do not want to give up lunch with their legislators. They were upset at the thought. So I told them that it was practically impossible to arrange a lunch for 400 people as we did in the past, so each League could make their own arrangements for lunch. We could send them a list of places convenient for having lunch, then if some Leagues want to get together, fine. But it is just too much of a hassle to get all of the House members and the Senate members together at one time, and facilities are practically non-existent for such a large crowd. Perhaps we could spread the non-League legislators around to some of the Leagues so no one will be left out. In any event, this is not my problem to figure out, as I will be having problems enough handling the session.

The San Marcos League also thought the tours would be interesting, but I can't promise you a whole bunch from here!

I did not get to go to San Antonio as planned, as my car broke down in Austin the day before...had to come home on the bus, then go back the next day on the bus to pick it up at the garage.

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FEB 11 1974

February 5, 1974
TO: Local League Presidents, TCR Chairman
FROM: HOLMES

RE: Convention Lobby Day: TEH "FOR GENERATIONS TO COME"

Apologies to you for the short notice! December was too early to predict the the Convention schedule. By January we were in the process of requesting a Grant from the Humanities Foundation that would greatly expand our plans. To date we still have not gotten the grant approved, but expect it momentarily. I realize that this will miss most of your Voters, but am hopeful that you can use meetings or other means to get up a crowd to come to Austin to lobby with your delegates on

Tuesday, February 26th, 1974.

There are several options open to you.

1st Option: One day only. Do your own thing. Visit the capitol, sit in on Committee meetings, make the rounds of your delegates offices. Some may wish to invite their delegates to lunch. (list of eating places close to the Capitol attached.)

2nd Option: TCH project "For Generations to Come". Although this project allocates funds for 1 representative from each Local league and one academic humanist from eachlocal league area, others are urged to attend at their own expense. This will probably involve 2 seminars in the afternoon of February 26th, a banquet and seminar with outstanding speaker that evening, and a visit to the Convention on the 27th. Tentative reservations hav. been made at the Driskill Hotel. Dinner will probably run $6.00 and the rooms are $18.00 single, $24.00 double, $10.00 each with 3 in the room, $9.00 each with 4 in the room. You could combine a trip to the "Hill" Tuesday morning, seminars in the afternoon and evening and another trip to the "Hill" on Wednesday until time to go home. Some may prefer to invite your delegates to the Driskill dinner on Tuesday night instead of lunch.

The members of the Convention Corps will be on hand to assist you in any way Some have offered "free" rooms for about 12 people and others of you may have a relative or old roommate living in Austin that you could arrange to stay with on the 26th. I hope you will have a chance to visit with the Corps gals informally about some of their "colorful" experiences daily at the capitol. Plan to come by the Convention Office for a cup of coffee and to meet Grace Schmitt. Its the busiest place in town and you will catch a bit of the excitement that is a part of the daily life of league members who are lucky enough to live close by.

Final details will follow as soon as we get the final approval from TCH, meanwhille...

SEE ATTACHED SHEET FOR IMPORTANT FORM, PLEASE TEAR OFF AND RETURN.

LWV of Texas
March 14, 1973

To: State board
From: Holmes
Re: Lobby School/Legislative Day
Summary of Evaluation Sheets

LOBBY SCHOOL

Overall rating:

Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
12	25	4	3

Most helpful:
- Professional lobbyists--7
- Citizens' lobby panel--4
- Workshops--7
- Remarks by legislative director--6

Least helpful:
- Professional lobbyists--7
- Citizen lobbyists--4
- Untruthful lobbyists--1
- Repeti tion by lobbyists--4
- Poor workshops--7
- Legislative director talked too long--8
- Film--7

Suggestions for future:
- Allow time to attend committee hearings
- Introduce all speakers....All speakers should use mike
- Do not use code language, i.e. ERA merit system
- Include Capitol Corps in discussion....Demonstrate lobby techniques....Skits on "How to Lobby"
- Outline of material Legislative Director will emphasize
- Legislator's view on lobbying
- Workshops: Chairs in a circle....Should be more structured ....More time to talk with other LWVS....Have a lawyer to explain litigation....Divide according to size of League ....Have local Leagues indicate problems in advance and let local Leagues choose....Break up delegations for workshops.
- Coffee break--4
- Smoke break and do not allow smoking in rooms
- Parking and shuttle bus

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LEGISLATIVE DAY

Overall rating:

Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
13	37	6	1

Liked best:
- Lunch with legislators--33
- Briefing--15
- Visit to the Capitol--12
- Fellowship with other LWVers....Being recognized in the Senate
- Quality of speakers

Would omit:
Ste ak lunch(prefer roast beef, cold plate, chicken salad, or box)--5
Lunch all together (too noisy)
Visiting the Capitol....Meeting at the church...."Our state senator".

Would have added:
Attending committee hearings--9
Guided tour of Capitol....More time to go to Capitol.
Longer "in depth" briefing on legislation....Use resource people--5
For kits: List of bills by number that LWV supports....
Short legislative newsletter....Halcyon's touch: a press release to take home... Senate and House seating charts....
Each legislator's voting record....Sheet for reporting conversation with each legislator.
Buffet lunch....Round tables....Or breakfast....Or cocktails ....Or dinner....Or small groups--16

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COMBINED LOBBY SCHOOL/LEGISLATIVE DAY

Liked:
Makes sense--18
Saves time and money--19
Makes Legislature more aware of our presence
Good turn out

Did not like:
Too hectic....Exhausting.--7
Too many people....Too mush noise at luncheon.
Makes it difficult for many to attend.

Prefer regional Lobby School?

yes	no	maybe	?	occasionally	in addition
5	24	8	4	2	3

Suggestions:
Instead of dinner and speakers, watch committee hearings.
Not enough recognition of State President and State Board
Fewer and shorter talks and speeches.
More publications available pertaining to the Legislature and lobbying
Schedule lunch for 1:00...Have buffet.
Committee of Austin people to help plan.

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APR 23 1973

March 31, 1973

The Driskill Hotel
117 East 7th Street
Austin, Texas 78701

Gentlemen:

I have received your statement (reference #9999) for $1,361.35. The copy of Hotel Banquet Check #00024 for $1,134.00 less tax of $47.25 (tax exempt #74-1106-488) will total $1,086.75 and is ours.

However, you also charged us for Hotel Banquet Check #00027 for $282.40 which clearly states at the top that it should be charged to the Texal Legal Reserve Officers Association.

In view of the above, I am enclosing our check #1669 for $1,086.75 and believe this will clear all charges we owe to you.

Thank you for your prompt consideration to this matter, and also for your fine hospitality while we were in Austin.

Sincerely,

Mrs. R. J. Jochim, Treasurer

cc: Holmes, L.O., S.O., file

How's that for a mix-up.
Ha Ha

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To Whom It May Concern,

The League of Women Voters is an established organization that employs a lot of Woman Power to achieve noble, altruistic goals. Fine and good, but could we put our own house in some order before we presume to tell someone else how it's done?

On Tuesday, February 27, three other ladies and myself left our homes before dawn to make the long drive to Austin to participate in LWV Day at the Legislature. We had all sorts of problems which might have been avoided. Was anyone in charge of arrangements for the day, or was it just every woman for herself?

Once we had decided to go, one of our ladies, after several phone calls, finally got on the line to Austin to make reservations for us. When we left here, we had only a vague, third-hand idea of the agenda for the day. The drive took longer than we anticipated, but even after we got to Austin, it was another hour before we found a parking place and finally located our fellow Leaguers.

Then on to the Capitol. There was much busy flittering about, establishing first-name rapport with legislators, abortive attempts at serious conversations that seemed to dissipate in all the hustle and bustle.

Then to lunch. Now, about that lunch. If you were there, I really don't have to spell out what a foul-up that was. I don't think anyone liked it, but I'm putting it in writing.

I must admit that I greatly enjoyed the day, but it was because of my congenial companions, and being a political cat, visiting the Capitol and Legislative session is my idea of a good time. The expenses for the day were minimal.

Now, for my unsolicited suggestions; Better communications, to facilitate making reservations, advance information, such as the agenda, locations of League meeting place and possible parking facilities. We would have appreciated even some pencil and paper signs at the Methodist Church to direct us immediately to the proper meeting room. Unit meetings just before lunch, to consolidate our efforts with 'our legislator' in the short time he can give us. As this was my first visit, I enjoyed the freedom to move about within the Capitol, to go and do as I pleased without group regimentation, but some sort of guide/ewould have been helpful, such as locations of Chambers and offices, what committees are meeting where, etc. if this is possible. Our time is so precious there to waste it, seafching.

As I said before, we had a good time, but given the opportunity, we might also have been useful.

Thank you,

Peggy McKinley

Dickinson LWV

Copies: Sara Kay Powers
Flo Kemmerer
Vete Winick

LWV of Texas
F eb. 5, 1973 FEB 6 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 , O ctober, 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 membeys 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!

LWV of Texas
January, 1973

LEAGUE	COUNTY	PRESIDENT	LEGISLATIVE CHMN.
ABILENE	Taylor	Mrs. Abe Anton (Faye) [redacted]	Mrs. Walter Hofheinz (Mary Ida [redacted]
AMARILLO	Potter/ Randall	Mrs. Lee Harris [redacted]	Mrs. Herbert C. Martin (Ruth) [redacted]
AUSTIN	Travis	Mrs. R.J. Brice (Sally) [redacted]	Mrs. C.J. Cole (Ricki) [redacted]
BAY AREA	Harris	Mrs. Donald Cherry [redacted]	Mrs. Chris Nosworthy [redacted]
BAYTOWN	Harris	Mrs. Frank Ernhart [redacted]	Mrs. Bill Carney [redacted]
BEAUMONT	Jefferson	Mrs. C.J. Ruilmann [redacted]	Mrs. D. Gleason [redacted]
BRAZOS COUNTY	Brazos	Mrs. Clinton Phillips [redacted]	Shirley Plapp [redacted]
BRAZOSPORT	Brazoria	Mrs. D.W. Morrison [redacted]	Mrs. Kathy Kirk [redacted]
BROWNSVILLE	Cameron	Mrs. Joseph Werth [redacted]	
CORPUS CHRISTI	San Patricio	Mrs. R.E. Clarke [redacted]	Mrs. J.G. Bryson [redacted]

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LEAGUE	COUNTY	PRESIDENT	LEGISLATIVE CHMN.
CORSICANA	Navarro	Mrs. Mackey Harral [redacted]	Mrs. E.D. Criddle, Jr. [redacted]
DALLAS	Dallas	Mrs. Lee R. Johnson [redacted]	Mrs. B. Frank White [redacted]
DEER PARK	Harris	Mrs. Julius Szakasits [redacted]	
DENTON	Denton	Mrs. W.B. Smith [redacted]	Mrs. Wallace E. Houk [redacted]
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EDINBURG*McALLEN	Hidalgo	Mrs. James A. Stover [redacted]	Mrs. Damon Ellis [redacted]
EL PASO	El Paso	Mrs. John Brient [redacted]	Mrs. George Mader [redacted]
GALVESTON	Galveston	Mrs. Gerald Fuller [redacted]	Mary Starr [redacted]
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PLAINVIEW-HALE	Hale	Mrs. James Davenport [redacted]	
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SAN ANTONIO	Bexar	Mrs. H.D. Root (Jill) [redacted]	Mrs. Keith Rodgers [redacted]
SAN MARCOS	Hayes	Mrs. C.D. Marshall [redacted]	Mrs. Dan Farlow [redacted]
SHERMAN PROV.	Grayson	Mrs. Kent Weber [redacted]	Mrs. Arlys Middents [redacted]
So. Jefferson Co.	Jefferson	Mrs. Leroy Holcomb, Jr. [redacted]	Mrs. J.B. Matthews [redacted]
TARRANT CO.	Tarrant	Mrs. W.T. Prickett [redacted]	
TEXAS CITY-LaMARQUE	Galveston	Mrs. R. C. Lieban [redacted]	Jo Ann Butler [redacted]
TYLER	Smith	Mrs. J.P. White [redacted]	Mrs. J.T. Piles [redacted]

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WACO	McLennan	Mrs. John Flynn [redacted]	Mrs. Joe Caperton [redacted]
WICHITA FALLS	Wichita	Mrs. Barney Glickman [redacted]	Mrs. Gerald Fox [redacted]

PLEASE MAKE FOLLOWING CHANGES IN

TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM:

Page 1--Houston, not Austin, is to call Brazos County

Page 2--Austin is to call San Antonio instead of Brazos Co.

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