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Opinion

Lewis criticized on moving at a snail's pace



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

With less than two months left in 140-day legislative session, lawmakers are openly discussing raising taxes to replace dwindling state revenues.

And House Speaker Gib Lewis, who seems to step into a new trap weekly, is taking criticism for a growing sentiment among legislators that the House is unorganized and moving at a snail's pace.

As of last week, Lewis was way behind on referring bills to House committees and senators are concerned the traditional end-of-the-session logjam will reach historic proportions within a few weeks.

The Senate is pushing to get important bills out early to facilitate House action.

With the session more than half over, only one bill passed by both chambers has originated in the House, the rest began in the Senate.

Last week, senators publicly jibed Lewis and his leadership team. "As I recall it, we (the Senate) sent a committee to the House several months ago to tell members the Senate was organized and ready to do business," Sen. Carl Parker said. "Do you think we should send a committee to inform them again?"

"We could call it a search committee," echoed Sen. John Traeger.

Severance, fuel taxes

The lawmakers' dilemma is deciding whether to raise taxes to make up for a \$2.3 billion revenue shortfall or the state budget.

The recession, the recent drop

of worldwide oil prices and the loss of federal funds have all contributed to the problem.

Gov. Mark White has proposed an \$800 million increase in "taxes" (on alcohol, tobacco and amusement machines).

Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby favors temporarily increasing oil and gas severance taxes to finance a \$2 billion endowment to state universities and colleges.

Comptroller Bob Bullock favors a nickel increase in the gasoline tax which would raise \$850 million.

Two other proposals, to raise \$100 million by raising fees for state services and licenses and \$318 million — one time only — by speeding up tax payments, are already working their way through the legislative process.

As if matters weren't complicated enough, Bullock is expected this week to lower the state's revenue estimates even more, triggering either more cuts or more taxes.

Bullock said last week the real crunch for state government will come in

48 Years Ago

April 6, 1935

The regular city election held on Tuesday for naming three aldermen was a very quiet affair. There were no new candidates offering for any of the positions and the three present aldermen: whose terms expired, O. J. Wintermann, J. N. Brower and G. W. Keith were re-elected. Only 20 votes were polled, as follows: Wintermann 20; Brower 20; Keith 19.

Eagle Lake's cinder artists had a perfect track and field day last Friday and won all three divisions of Colorado County Class A track meet.

Among those from Eagle Lake who attended the American Legion convention at Round Top last Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Reiger and family, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Marx, Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson, Misses Gladys King, Berta Mae Porter, Messrs. H. W. and Ben Ahlers, R. P. Wilcox, A. A. Klockman.

Johnny Parker and S. D. Porter, Captain G. B. Skelton, 73, longtime businessman, prominent esteemed citizen of Eagle Lake, died at his home late Sunday.

Sidencia Adalos, 10, son of Domingo Adalos, living on Mrs. D. M. Anderson's farm near Matthews, was considerably burned from lightning as he sat in the kitchen during heavy rain and electrical storm Friday night.

Miss Gloria Wintermann, student at the Hockaday School of Dallas with her roommate, Miss Etelle

McLeod of Lubbock, is spending the spring term holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Wintermann.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Ahlers entertained the officers of the OES chapter Monday night with an April fool party.

William (Bill) Ziegler, 19, of Rock Island died Sunday night from injuries sustained Sunday when a horse reared and fell on him.

This section of county water-soaked following over eight inches of rain during the past week.

24 Years Ago

March 26, 1959

Eagle Lake Fire Chief Henry L. Kretzschmar is in the proud grandparent of a grandchild, Brenda Kay, born to Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Adams of Fort Worth March 19.

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His gloomy predictions have prompted a good many lawmakers to consider delaying approval of the budget or approving only a one-year budget to buy time. If in time his predictions prove too low, they can avoid raising taxes unnecessarily.

Opponents of branch banking argue the system removes money from community banks where it is deposited so it can be loaned at higher interest rates elsewhere.

The Senate last week passed legislation which would:

Allow creation of local employment commissions to handle hiring discrimination complaints. This bill would also create a state commission to oversee local action, thereby moving the federal government out of the picture.

Make it tougher for a defendant accused of a violent crime to be found innocent by reason of insanity.

The judge gave Texas 45 days to negotiate a settlement with the U.S. Department of Education.

The House also passed a proposed constitutional amendment giving state banks the same privileges and rights as national banks.

It would include the authority to open branch

Letters to the editor

Support Asked:

— For EMS bill

To the Editor and Citizens of Colorado County:

I'll bet you think we have a pretty good Emergency Medical System (Ambulance Corps). You're right. We do. Unfortunately this is not the case all across the state because Texas has an inadequate law governing pre-hospital emergency care. Enacted 40 years ago, what we have allows any closed vehicle which can carry a patient flat and contains a first aid kit and a Thomas Half-ring Traction Splint can be licensed as an ambulance and anyone with eight hours of first aid training can be an attendant.

A new bill is before the legislature (Senate Bill 385) which would identify the roles of Emergency Care Attendants (ECAs), Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and Paramedics. It would make it a misdemeanor for anyone to represent himself as a House Committee. I urge you to call or write Representative Robert Saunders and Senator Kent Coperton and urge them to support and get this bill out of committee and through this legislature before it adjourns. The time is short and the legislation is long overdue.

You need to know if you are ill or injured in some other area of our State, you may not get the same quality of care you will at home.

Sincerely,
June B. Matlock
411 Guynn
234-2678

Home equity loans

Dear Fellow Texans:

If you're like most Texans, your biggest investment is your home, and since you bought it its value has probably increased substantially.

But you did know that Texas law says you can't use that increase value, or equity, for anything but home improvement? That's right — you can borrow money against your home to build a hot tub or swimming pool, but not to pay for your child's college education.

You can borrow money using your equity to put a wet bar in your den, but not to start or invest in a business. And if you had a real emergency, such as large medical bills or funeral expenses, you'd have to sell your home to be able to use its value! That's

right — you'd have to sell your home!

What if you're retired? If your pension and Social Security aren't enough, the only way to use your home's equity to live better is to sell your home!

Is this fair? Do you believe the state government should deny you the right to choose to use your home's value, your asset, as you want?

If you agree that we Texans should have the right to choose to use our homes' equities for worthwhile purposes, I hope you'll join "Texans for Home Value Access." We're a non-profit organization working to pass an amendment to the Texas Constitution to get this right to choose. However, it must first be approved by the Texas Legislature, then voted on by all Texans.

You may not want to draw on your home's equity today. But you and your family may someday need to make use of your home's equity.

Together, we can guarantee Texans the right to choose. If you are interested in joining the T.H.V.A., if you want the most information, please write to me in care of the address below.

Sincerely,
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Quit Claim Deed, Ernest Uzzell to Lillian Louise Uzzell, undivided interest in 9, 8 1/2, 2, Meadowbrook Addition, 10-19-82.

Partition Deed, W. C. Dupre to W. C. Dupre Jr., various tracts of land in John Moyer Survey et al., 3-8-83.

Partition Deed, W. C. Dupre Jr. to Wayne L. Dupre, 47.85 acres, Frank Needham Survey et al., 3-8-83.

Deed, Elisee Echeverria et ux to Blanca Wilkey, 1 acre, Martin D. Ramsey Survey, 2-18-83.

Deed, Henry J. Hajovsky to Jerry L. Hajovsky et ux, undivided interest in and to 2,067 acres, Walker Wilson Survey, 3-21-83.

Deed, James D. Myrick to James Murphy et ux, Lot 10, Bk. 68, Sheridan, Texas, 3-22-83.

Deed, Donald Schoenfeld to George D. Boulton Jr. et ux, 63.689 acres, James

Alley Survey, 3-17-83

Deed, Oscar Hoegemeyer et ux to Henry L. Beken Jr. et ux, 0.429 acres, J. Thompson Lease, 12-31-82

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