

Opinion

Midnight deadline approves \$4.8 billion tax bill

As the clock moved toward the Tuesday midnight deadline last week, a feuding Legislature resuscitated and approved a \$4.8 billion tax bill to finance public education reform.

The revenues raised over the next three years will come from tax increases on goods and services ranging from computer software to bowling and movies.

The entire work of the 30-day special session appeared in jeopardy, brought about when the Senate added a general sales tax increase of one-fourth-cent. That move angered the House, which had fought to keep the sales tax intact.

The House threw out the Senate plan and refused to appoint a conference committee to work out a compromise, the traditional legislative

method. Long-time Capital watchers cannot recall the last time either chamber tried that ploy.

It was wild. Throughout the night, unofficial conferees met and discussed plans to salvage the month's work. Finally, leaders agreed to a one-eighth-cent sales tax increase, to continue to exempt advertising and remove newspaper and magazine sales tax exemption.

In the final hours, the plan sailed through both houses, with Republicans and a few conservative Democrats voting nay.

History's largest

Not everyone was happy with the new tax bill, including the representatives of the various industries affected by the tax.

At \$4.8 billion, the tax hike is the largest tax bill in Texas history, although

Gov. Mark White wanted to raise money from other items, including a one-cent sales tax increase, the final dollar amount was equal to the sum he sought.

Lobbyists from the petroleum and transportation industries complained of being singled out to bear heavier tax burdens.

Other businessmen testified in committees of the damage that new taxes would have on their professions and services.

Campaign politics

In the aftermath of the tax bill, candidates for political office will be trying to make hay, trying to make hay, trying to make hay.

One hero of the session is H. Ross Perot, the Dallas multimillionaire who chaired the committee hammering out the school system reforms.

Perot just sold his computer company to General Motors for a reported \$2 billion and has been talked up as a GOP candidate to challenge Gov. Mark White in '86. White said Perot told him he was not interested.

Gramm Coups

Some Democrats are

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Lyndell Williams
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

Donated computer

A Houston utility last week donated a \$300,000 computer to the state which will modernize map-making and other services in the General Land Office and other agencies.

Land Commissioner Gary Mauro, who accepted the gift from Houston

Lighting and Power Co., said he expects to have computerized maps for 254 counties within eight months.

Title to the computer is actually held by the Texas Conservation Foundation, which is housed in Mauro's agency. Mauro is a board member of the Foundation.

Motorcycle safety course

A motorcycle rider safety course will be taught July 27, 28 and August 4 through the continuing education program of the University of Houston-Victoria.

For a fee of \$40, any motorcycle rider 15 years or older can take this 20-hour course. Those under 18 must have the "Motorcycle Rider Course" and driver education before they apply for a motorcycle license or a motorcycle endorsement.

Certified instructors will conduct eight hours of classroom work and twelve hours of on-cycle practice in riding skills and safety techniques. Those who complete the MRC will be eligible for an insurance discount from participating companies.

The sponsor for the course is the Department of Public Safety.

The class will meet Friday, July 17, 6:30-9:30 p.m.; Saturday, July 28, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday, August 4, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For further information, call the UH-V office of continuing education at 576-3151.

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Colorado County Courthouse Report

DISTRICT COURT SUITS FILED

New Ulm State Bank vs. Bill Hutchins, Et. Al., promissory note; 7-3-84.

Diane C. Jurasek vs. William A. Jurasek, Jr., divorce; 7-4-84.

Frank Albert Cullen vs. Laura Ann Davenport, petition suit; 7-9-84.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED

Scott Reed Kilpatrick, 20, of Columbus and Tracy Lynn Soape, 18, of Altair; 7-2-84.

Jacob Guadalupe Sanchez, 22, of Columbus and Theresa Ann Jurica, 27, of Glidden; 7-2-84.

Leo Fred Beyer, 44, of Rock Island and Sue Carolyn Davis, 33, of Rock Island; 7-3-84.

Thomas Richard Grege, 31, of Katy and Beverly J. Schubert, 33, of Katy; 7-5-84.

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Colorado County Sheriff's Dept.
1-732-2388

Happy Birthday DAD

from

Linda Jean
Doris Fred Jr.
Dennis

Jo Ann Shirley
Dorothy Olla
Katherine

DOGGETT

Doggett has been busy with the special session and unable to campaign. His vote to increase taxes will likely be used against him this fall, and his race will determine the amount of political fallout from the special session.

Surplus food to be given away in July

Persons who have been participating in the Emergency Food Assistance Program (EFAP) must be recertified in order to receive surplus food products in July. Clients should be prepared to present their yellow EFAP identification cards when reapplying. Authorized representatives must present the EFAP identification card and a statement from the client giving permission for recertification. Changes in household size, or income must be included in this statement.

In Colorado County persons receiving food in Columbus may be recertified prior to food distribution at the local Combined (CCA) Center. Information on eligibility requirements of the Emergency Food Assistance Program may be obtained from local CCA Community Service Centers, or the CCA Central Office in Smithville, 512-237-2434.

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Letters to the editor

Support your chief

To the Citizens of Eagle Lake:

Before leaving my job as a police officer in your police department, I feel that I have a few things to say.

First of all, I would like to say "Thank You" to two of the finest people I've ever met, Wilfred and Shirley Luedecke. The Luedeckes have really been super nice to myself and Albert Martin. They shared their home with us when it was impossible for us to go back to our own homes in Wharton. We both owe them a lot, and would just like to say thank you to them.

I would also like to thank Lt. Game Warden Sam Center and Game Warden Buddy Mills for all their help. There have been quite a few times that they backed me up on calls and situations, while they were off duty. Many times they were awakened at night and asked to come help me out, and not once did they ever complain about it. I would like to thank Sheriff Jim Broussard and his deputies for all of their help. They are a fine bunch of men to work with.

Last of all, I would like to thank the people of Eagle Lake for supporting me in carrying out my duties as a police officer. The Eagle Lake Police Department has a good chief who wants to do a good job for you. The job of chief cannot be a easy one and it needs the support and backing of the whole town. Chief Coulter has some excellent ideas for the police department, but needs your full support in getting these ideas put into use.

Once again thank you all.

Ronnie Frankum

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July 4th incident free

The Sheriff's Department would like to express their appreciation for the incident free 4th of July holiday. The manner in which the citizens enjoyed themselves without serious incident in the area is appreciated by all of officers and made their job easier. We appreciate it.

7-84: Assisted a driver on a disturbance on IH-10. Checked on a disturbance on 949. Transported prisoners from Eagle Lake to Columbus. Checked on trespassers on Bruns Mill Road. Checked on a disturbance in Glidden. Checked on a train blocking roadways in Glidden. Issued five traffic citations and served four civil citations.

7-84: Assisted at the scene of an accident on IH-10. Removed livestock from the roadway on Zimmerman Road. Transported a patient to the San Antonio State Hospital. Checked on a reported theft of bicycles near Garwood. Checked on missing cattle near Garwood. Checked on a disturbance in the Bernardo area. Had JP court. Assisted the Eagle Lake police with a suspicious airplane at the Eagle Lake Airport. Issued night traffic citations and served four civil citations.

7-84: Checked on subjects shooting from the roadway near Presburg. Assisted the Columbus police at the scene of a burglary. Investigated a shooting near Weimar. Arrested one for aggravated assault. Checked on a theft of ser-

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