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Legislature gets down to real business

By Veima Kutzer
Sheridan News
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After more than a month of dilly-dallying, the Texas Legislature finally got down to real business this week, with the House giving overwhelming support to the proposed \$800 million statewide water financing package.

With surprising little debate for a topic that has generated so much controversy over the past four years, the House sent to the Senate a water plan that supposedly appeases all sides of the water battle.

The plan includes the \$800 million in proposed general obligation bonds to finance state participation in new reservoir projects, aid local governments with construction of new water and sewerage treatment facilities, finance flood control projects and address a wide range of other water problems.

While the state's House sponsor, Midland republican Tom Craddick, easily fought off the two amendments offered during floor debate, the Senate Committee on Natural Resources was tacking on some 50 amendments to its version of the package.

House, Senate differ

However, the House and Senate versions already were so widely divergent that sponsors in both houses were already resigned to the need for a conference committee to iron out the differences.

The Senate probably will proceed quickly with their debate on the two-bill package. Odds are that the Legislature will be able to pass out some form of compromise bill, but it still is uncertain whether supporters of the package can hold the support of the various water groups.

Environmentalists, such as the Sierra Club, already are grumbling that the House version does not go far enough to protect freshwater flows to coastal bays and estuaries or to promote water conservation.

Others have complained that the Senate plan is too costly to gain approval at the polls in November.

Pari-mutuel betting

Meanwhile, one of the Legislature's other pet issues was trying to get out of the starting gate.

Both House and Senate committees heard testimony on legalizing pari-mutuel betting on horse races.

That issue has come up in nearly every legislative session of the past 50 years. Betting was approved briefly in the 1880s but was outlawed again after only two years, with new debates on the issue surfacing almost every time the Legislature convenes.

However, this year's budget crunch has given supporters of horse race betting a new weapon to throw into the fray. And, the open support of House Speaker Gib Lewis also should be a big boost.

While both the House and Senate committees heard hours of testimony on the matter, neither took action on the betting bill. Senate sponsors are waiting to see how things go in the House before trying to get their bill on the Senate floor.

Mattox trial underway

And while lawmakers were debating the state's future, Attorney General Jim Mattox was fighting for his in court.

An eight-woman, four-man jury was selected this week to sit in Mattox's trial on commercial bribery charges. Mattox was indicted more

than a year ago for allegedly threatening to destroy the bond business of the Houston law firm Fulbright & Jaworski unless their lawyers stopped efforts to question Mattox's sister in connection with a Texas rancher-olman Clinton Manges and Mobil Oil Corp.

Mattox has pleaded not guilty to the charges and proclaimed he would emerge from the case a hero.

Regent appointments

Gov. Mark White managed to get on just about everybody's bad side this week when he announced his appointments to both the University of Texas and Texas A&M University board of regents.

Bryan Sen. Kent Caperton blasted White for not appointing his candidate to the A&M regents and not consulting him on who he did select.

Caperton denounced White on the Senate floor and said the governor could look for someone else to carry his legislative program in the future.

Freshman San Antonio Sen. Cyndi Taylor Krier also fussed about White overlooking the last day of the show and exhibition.

Mrs. Ola Myers has moved from Sheridan to make her home in Kerrville to be near her son. Mrs. Myers had lived in Sheridan for many years and will be missed by her friends.

The Kuter family enjoyed spending Sunday in San Antonio attending the livestock show and rodeo. Dennis and Wanda Zbrunek and J.D. and Mary Ashley also enjoyed the last day of the show and exhibition.

The Lady Raiders suffered defeat at the hands of the Phlegerville basketball team Saturday night in La Grange with the score ending at 40 to 31. The girls were playing for the bidistrict title.

Students at Sheridan school are working hard on science projects that are due March 1.

Xi Pi Psi sorority met

Xi Pi Psi sorority met February 12 in the home of Sandy Bendy. Pat Cook, president, called the meeting to order and members repeated the opening ritual.

The chapter voted to send money to support the state project, San Philipo Syndrome.

A thank you note was read from Marilyn Chosin thanking members for making Christmas a memorable event for her children.

Evelyn Thomas, honorary member, made a monetary donation to Xi Pi Psi. It is greatly appreciated.

Mary Lou Szymanski, service chairman, announced the museum will have a rummage sale on March 8 and 9. Members were asked to help out.

Linda Balas, social chairman, announced the decorating of the hall for the Western Dance on Saturday morning.

Jo Ann Mahalic will be hostess for the February 26 meeting and Marlene Miller will give the program.

Reporter

Storytelling winners

The Eagle Lake Primary School winners at the Eagle Lake Middle School Literary Meet on February 16 are: Christi Lockett, 4th place; Donald Oberhaus, 2nd place; Shea McClanahan, 6th place; and David Cardenas, 4th place. Not shown is Lanette Powers who placed 2nd in the 3rd grade competition. ELPS Photo

Letters to the editor

To the Editor:

I would like to thank all of the faculty and staff for all of their help and dedication in seeing that the Invitational Tournament that was held on Saturday, February 16 at the Eagle Lake Middle School was a reality.

I also would like to thank the community for their help and cooperation in the running of this meet. I especially would like to thank Mrs. David Wintermann for her help in securing through the Study Club the judges. A special word of thanks goes to the following ladies for the outstanding job they did in judging the speaking events: Mrs. Nancy Adkins, Mrs. Lloyd Spangler, Mrs. Betty

Wegenhoft, Mrs. W.J. Brunner, Mrs. Jack Givens, Mrs. Dan Thornton, Mrs. Robert Griffin and Mrs. J.N. Frazar.

Also I would like to thank John Fearing for grading the Ready Writing papers.

A special work of thanks needs to go to Mrs. Becky Anderson and Mrs. Michele Isenhour for their help in running the concession stand. We couldn't have been able to handle the crowd in the gym without your help.

Last, but not least, a special, almost word of thanks goes to all of the students at the Middle school who either participated or who helped run the event. I want you to know how proud I, and the entire staff, are of you and how much we appreciate your efforts and fine work.

Charles Abel
 Principal, ELMS

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County Courthouse Report

DISTRICT COURT SUITS FILED

Ann Mathys vs. George Mathys; divorce; 2:15-85.
 Monica Lynn Fisher vs. Lawrence Wayne Fisher; divorce; 2:15-85.
 Robert H.L. Schwettman vs. Margaret J. Schwettman; divorce; 2:12-85.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Darryl Lynn Laacke, 21, New Um, and Linda Lueckemeyer, 21, Bellville; 2:15-85.
 Eddie Leal, 20, and Rebecca Munoz, 21, both of Eagle Lake; 2:15-85.
 William Thomas Bidales, 15, Alleyton, and Ruthie Ann Garcia, 14, Glidden; 2:15-85.
 Rodney O'Neal Sanford, 19, and Mechalsinda Renia Perdue, 17, both of Garwood; 2:15-85.
 Lowell Maurice Kubala, 53, Weimar, and Patricia Sue Young, 23, Schulenburg; 2:15-85.
 Robert Henry Pelling Jr., 22, and Paula Jean Roberts Fritz, 39, both of Columbus; 2:11-85.
 Charles L. Tillman, 20, and Yolanda Kay Weeks, 17, both of Schulenburg; 2:12-85.
 Donald Ray Peikert, 41, Cat Spring, and Melissa Ann Hoffman, 20, Alleyton; 2:13-85.

COUNTY COURT RESULTS

[February 13, 1985]
 Alberto A. Fernandez, charged June 13, 1984, with driving while intoxicated, was found guilty by a jury; he was fined \$530, and court costs, and sentenced to 30 days in jail which was probated for two years.

REAL ESTATE DEEDS

Quit claim deed, Gilbert E. Canik et al to Lorene Canik; 107 acres, Colorado County; 10:19-84.
 Gift deed, Lorena Canik to Dorothy Gully et vir; 29.73 acres, John Andrews Survey; 12:27-84.
 Gift deed, Lorena Canik to Gilbert E. Canik et ux; 36.82 acres, Howard McElroy Survey; 12:27-84.
 Gift deed, Lorena Canik to Madelin Vitek; 48.19 acres, Howard McElroy Survey; 12:27-84.
 Gift deed, Clyde Toland to Faye Collins Subdivision; lot 7 blk. 104, Columbus; 1:17-85.
 Partition deed, George Birdwell et al to Emily Birdwell Frank et vir; 10.194 acres, Peter K. Bartleson Survey; 1:10-85.
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 Partition deed, George Birdwell et al to Emily Birdwell Engbrock et vir; 10.194 acres, Peter K. Bartleson Survey; 1:10-85.
 Deed, Otto E. Kahlden Jr. trustee to Donald R. Simons et al; 40 acres, 14-GNRR Co. Survey; 1:18-85.
 Ernest Steinmann et ux to

Charles A. Hudson; 804 acres, Miguel Muldoon League et al; 11:13-84.
 Walter L. Scott et al to Charlie A. Hudson; 166 acres, A.H. Merchant Survey; 11:13-84.
 Bill Stockton et ux to Charlie A. Hudson; 253 acres, Miguel Muldoon League et al; 11:13-84.
 Ethel S. Worley et al to Charlie A. Hudson; 166 acres, A.H. Merchant Survey; 11:13-84.
 Maxine Worley Smith et vir to Charlie A. Hudson; 166 acres, A.H. Merchant Survey; 11:13-84.
 Kenneth Otto et ux to Charlie A. Hudson; 275.5 acres, Miguel Muldoon League; 11:13-84.
 Cities Service Oil & Gas Corporation to Limes Corporation; tracts of land in M. Muldoon Survey et al; 10:22-84.

Elizabeth Hockaday Coggins et vir to The Louisiana Land & Exploration; 10 acres, HE&WTRR Co. Survey; 7:18-84.
 Henry J. Hajovsky et ux to The Louisiana Land & Exploration; 5 acres, HE&WTRR Co. Survey; 12:3-84.
 Mary D. Rankin et al to The Louisiana Land & Exploration; 5 acres, HE&WTRR Co. Survey; 11:14-84.
 Leroy Schramm et ux to The Superior Oil Co.; 3.469 acres, James Tylee Survey; 11:6-84.
 Carol S. Rubenstein et vir to Robert Moshbacher; 30 acres, E. Tumblin League; 10:25-84.

Sheriff's Report

732-2388 732-2535 Home: 732-3950

The Sheriff's office would like to express their appreciation to everyone for their involvement in law enforcement. There were many burglaries solved and a number of arrests were made during the year on information received. The Sheriff's Department appreciates this involvement.

In addition to working school traffic in the mornings and afternoons, here is the report for the week of 2-10 through 2:16:

2:10-85: assisted at the scene of an accident on County Road 102; assisted at the scene of an accident on TI North; recovered a stolen vehicle from Houston near Bernard; assisted with crowd control for the Garwood Fire Department dance in Nada.

2:11-85: removed livestock from the roadway near Bernard; checked on a suspicious vehicle and subject east of Columbus; issued three traffic citations; served four civil citations.

2:12-85: removed livestock from the roadway on 2434 and IH-10 east of Columbus; checked on a theft near Eagle Lake; checked on a reported theft near Columbus; had district court; issued two traffic citations; served three civil citations.

2:13-85: arrested three for illegal hunting; checked on a disturbance near Altair; assisted at the scene of an accident and car fire on IH-10 west of Columbus; issued two traffic citations; served seven civil citations.

2:14-85: assisted with a funeral procession in Columbus; checked on a burglary on

White Loop Drive off 2434; posted three citations in the Courthouse; issued one traffic citation; served five civil citations.

2:15-85: investigated a shooting incident on IH-10 west of Columbus; arrested one for auto theft and theft of services; auto court; assisted a stranded motorist on IH-10 east of Columbus; removed livestock from the roadway on 2434; issued five traffic citations; served four civil citations.

2:16-84: removed livestock from the roadway on 102 and on 102 near Alleyton; assisted at the scene of an accident near Rock Island; assisted at the scene of an accident on IH-10 east of Columbus; assisted with a funeral procession in Columbus; assisted with a funeral procession in Columbus; issued two traffic citations; served seven civil citations.

2:17-85: checked on a disturbance in the Rocky Hill area.

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