

Sales Tax Bills Up For Debate

By The Associated Press
AUSTIN—House members will try to figure out Thursday how to raise close to \$150 million a year in new taxes.

They voted Wednesday to set up a special debate on two sales tax bills with only about 40 dissenting.

House passage of either of the bills to the Senate this week would greatly increase chances of the 57th Legislature being able to close out its business in one regular session. The mandatory closing date is May 29.

"I don't think anyone desires to postpone debate any longer on the tax question," said Rep. Charles Wilson, Trinity, author of one of the bills, a two per cent levy on retail sales with food, farm feed and drugs exempted.

HB590 is a two per cent levy on sales at the wholesale level by Rep. W. H. Miller, Houston.

"We don't need to wait until the House appropriations bill is passed," said Rep. George Hinson, Mineola. "We can add \$4 or \$5 million to the bill that passed the Senate and I think we will hit the House bill on the button."

The Senate-passed spending bill, calling for \$364,288,408 from the general revenue fund in 1962-1963, is pending in a house committee.

Rep. James Cotten, head of the House Appropriations Committee, estimated the House spending bill would be ready either Saturday or Monday. He said a Senate-House compromise has been reached on a job classification program for state employees.

While the House settled the debate date, the Senate took up the touchy House-passed measure (HB533) that would let an ale or beer brewery continue operations even if the precinct in which it is located votes dry. The bill advanced one step on voice vote but did not get enough margin for final approval. The measure

will be ready for final consideration Thursday.

The House went into an afternoon session with a bill (HB11) to make the University of Houston a fully state-supported school on top of the agenda. However, after giving the measure preliminary approval 84-34, representatives refused to give the measure a final decision. A similar measure (SB2) is in the same position in the Senate—temporarily approved but waiting a final vote. A final vote on the Senate measure is expected Friday or Monday.

The Senate began debate but took no decision action on another House-approved bill (HB-645) to change the name of North Texas State College to the University of North Texas.

Sen. Hubert Hudson, Brownsville, claimed the "half of the courses taught at North Texas can not be transferred to half of the leading colleges in the country."

"Are we going to go blithely along every session and change the name of all the state colleges to universities," asked Sen. Charles Herring, Austin. "It's nothing but a teachers' school."

In the midst of arguments the Senate quit until 10:30 a.m. Thursday.

The House also had another brief furor over horse race gambling. Rep. W. E. Heatly, Paducah, tried to get a bill (HB777) calling for a statewide public opinion poll on parimutuels sent back to a committee. The measure is now ready for floor debate. At the request of Rep. V. E. (Red) Berry, San Antonio, author of the referendum bill, Heatly's motion was tabled 68-58. Berry's bill continues available for debate.

"We have only 44 days left and our number one problem is taxes," protested Heatly. "We should devote our full time to that. It is time we put this little matter in a resting place."

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle INTERPRETING



"... I just wanted to be sure that I made it back from th' Civilian Weekend!"

Social Calendar

The following clubs and organizations will meet tonight:

The Red River Valley Hometown Club will get together for a steak fry in Hensel Park at 6 p.m.

The Odessa Hometown Club will meet in the cafeteria of the Memorial Student Center at 6:15 p.m.

The Pasadena Hometown Club will hold a meeting at 6:15 p.m. Members will go out to eat and will meet behind Dorms 5 or 17.

The Fayette-Colorado County Hometown Club will meet in Room 307 of the Academic Building at 7:15 p.m.

The Abilene Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 206 of the Academic Building.

The Lavaca Hometown Club will get together in Room 128 of the Academic Building at 7:30 p.m.

The Aggie Band Wives Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. A. W. Dunlap, 706 Welsh in College Station.

The El Paso Hometown Club

will meet in Room 3-C of the Memorial Student Center tonight at 7:30 p.m. All members are urged to attend.

Interrogation Tape Played At Adolf Eichman Trial

By The Associated Press
JERUSALEM — Adolf Eichmann portrayed himself in a tape recorded testimony as a doomed man who should have

hanged himself for the mass slaughter of Jews in the Nazi reign of Hitler.

"I know I should have hanged myself in public so that all the

anti-Semites in the world would have had these terrible events emphasized for them."

The words, slow and measured, boomed from the loudspeaker Wednesday in the court where he is on trial for his life, charged with crimes against the Jewish people and crimes against humanity.

"I know I may face a sentence of death," said the man charged with responsibility for sending millions of Jews to the Nazi death camps in World War II. "I cannot claim mercy because I know I am not worthy of it."

His recorded statement sent a surprised stir through the court. Eichmann himself seemed affected by what was taking place in court for the first time since the trial began.

He took off his earphones through which the court's Hebrew proceedings are translated into German, and seemed to relax in his chair behind the bullet-proof glass in the prisoner's dock.

The statements were taped in an interrogation by Israeli security officers after his capture last year.

Eichmann, 55, ex-chief of the Gestapo's Jewish affairs section, told of a prophecy made to him in January 1960—four months before his capture—but did not identify the prophet.

"I was told that I would be brought to trial and that I would not live beyond my 56th year," he said.

Eichmann insisted he was not the architect of Nazi Germany's campaign of extermination.

"I cannot claim that I had clean hands. Those who planned and gave instructions, however, got off cheaply by suicide."

HOLIDAY

Friday, April 21, 1961 being a Holiday, in observance of San Jacinto Day, the undersigned will observe that date as a Holiday and not be open for business.

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East-West Power Fight Indicates Red Tactics

By J. M. ROBERTS
Associated Press News Analyst
The United States and the Soviet Union are now involved in a great power fight over Cuba and Laos.

In former times, such a confrontation would have led almost inevitably to war. It is not expected to do so now. But the issues of Communist expansionary tactics, and the defense against them, are clearly drawn.

The Soviet Union not only makes threats regarding Cuba, but makes Laos a part of the same conflict with a promise to make things worse there unless the United States leaves the Communist-leaning Fidel Castro alone.

President Kennedy has replied in tones reminiscent of typically American reactions which raised Harry S. Truman above the ranks of just ordinary presidents, as in the cases of Greece, Turkey and Korea.

Two sentences of Kennedy's reply will be remembered as long as the trial of strength continues: "In the event of any military intervention by outside force we

will immediately honor our obligations under the inter-American system to protect this hemisphere against external aggression," and in connection with the Soviet belief in the inevitability of Communist world domination:

"What your government believes is its own business; what it does in the world is the world's business."

During the exchange of messages the Soviet-sponsored attack in Laos was intensified, despite the continued Soviet participation in diplomatic negotiations with Great Britain and the United States designed to stop it.

The urgency of the Laotian situation was enhanced by the request of the royal government for military aid, opening the way for invocation of the SEATO treaty protocol promising defense of the country.

Part of the request, for American military advisers to go to the front to help loyal troops, was immediately granted, and several hundred Americans will be involved in this way. It is direct confrontation of communism.

The United States already is being criticized in Allied countries in Europe for her support of the Cuban invaders. She is being attacked for using tactics in defense which have long been a standard practice for Communists on the offensive. But one British paper, the Daily Mail, asks, "Is freedom always to be blackmailed into abandoning its rights? Must democracy every time give way to tyranny."

A good many people have been itchy lest President Kennedy's attempts for a new and open-minded approach to East-West relations should downgrade the intensity of the Communist threat in the mind of the world.

Instead, Tuesday's statement about Cuba, and his news conference statements about Laos, place American power squarely across the path of Communist expansion.

The statements are backed by 700,000 men in the armed forces stationed around the Communist perimeter abroad, meaning that the United States is directly involved at almost all points where aggression may be attempted.

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By Charles M. Schulz