

Liquor-by-the-drink passes in Senate

AUSTIN (AP) — The Senate voted 22-7 Thursday to allow a Texan to walk into an open saloon, slap his money on the counter and ask for a drink of whiskey.

Or, if he would rather, a waitress will slide a mini-bottle across the table and he can mix his own.

The local option liquor-by-the-drink proposal approved by the Senate now goes to the House, where its chances of passing are considered good.

The way was cleared for a mixed-drinks bill last November when Texans voted 979,868 to 214,481 to repeal a 1935 constitutional ban against open saloons.

But some of the wet-dry controversy remains, and Sen. Joe Christie of El Paso, the bill sponsor, carefully cocked his ear Thursday as each senator answered the roll call on final passage.

The 22 votes was one more than necessary to put the bill into immediate effect if it finally becomes law. Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes has estimated that could mean an additional \$4 million from the fees for the state treasury.

A bill pending in the House would raise another \$22.9 million with a 10 cents-a-drink tax. Christie's bill sets out a mixed beverage permit fee of \$5,000 and an annual renewal fee of

\$500. Sen. Don Kennard of Fort Worth protested the fees make it a "rich man's bill . . . that cuts out the people in the low-income neighborhoods."

But Christie said the high fee was considered important in regulating liquor-by-the-drink.

A major change was Edinburg Sen. Jim Bates' amendment to allow saloon keepers to serve liquor in bottles as small as one ounce.

"That means you can hire your fancy bartenders or you can buy it in small bottles and let a waitress set it on the table," said Bates. "This guarantees that no one will be stealing liquor tax money from the state, low overhead and that the customer absolutely gets what he ordered."

An amendment by Dallas Sen. Mike McKool was adopted over Christie's protests it would create a "retail monopoly" for retail liquor stores. The amendment provides that retailers — not wholesalers as in the original bill — will supply the bars with whiskey.

McKool said in many instances this will be cheaper. As an example, he said a retailer could sell Jim Beam bourbon for \$3.75, but it would cost \$4.46 from the wholesaler unless the tavern owner bought at least 10 cases from the wholesaler.

Christie's attempt to allow either retailers or wholesalers to supply whisky failed 10-20 and he exclaimed bitterly, "Let's give it all to the big liquor stores in Dallas."

Another requirement tightened local option provisions. It would require an incorporated city to have been in existence at least three years and to have at least 100 registered voters before holding a liquor-by-the-drink election. Senators rejected amendments to make the mixed drink places serve food and to authorize 200 new state agents to regulate liquor-by-the-drink.

They agreed to let the \$5,000 permits be bought in two \$2,500 installments so tavern owners "could see if their business would make a go of it."

They turned down an attempt to raise the renewal fee from \$500 to \$2,000. A proposal to hike the retail supply permit from \$50 to \$250 also failed.

Among the amendments accepted without debate was a proposal to outlaw the sale of a bottle to a customer and to prohibit a customer from taking a drink off the premises.

Political associations or charity, civic or fraternal organizations could get temporary mixed beverage permits for \$25 a day. A caterer could get a special permit for \$250 a year.

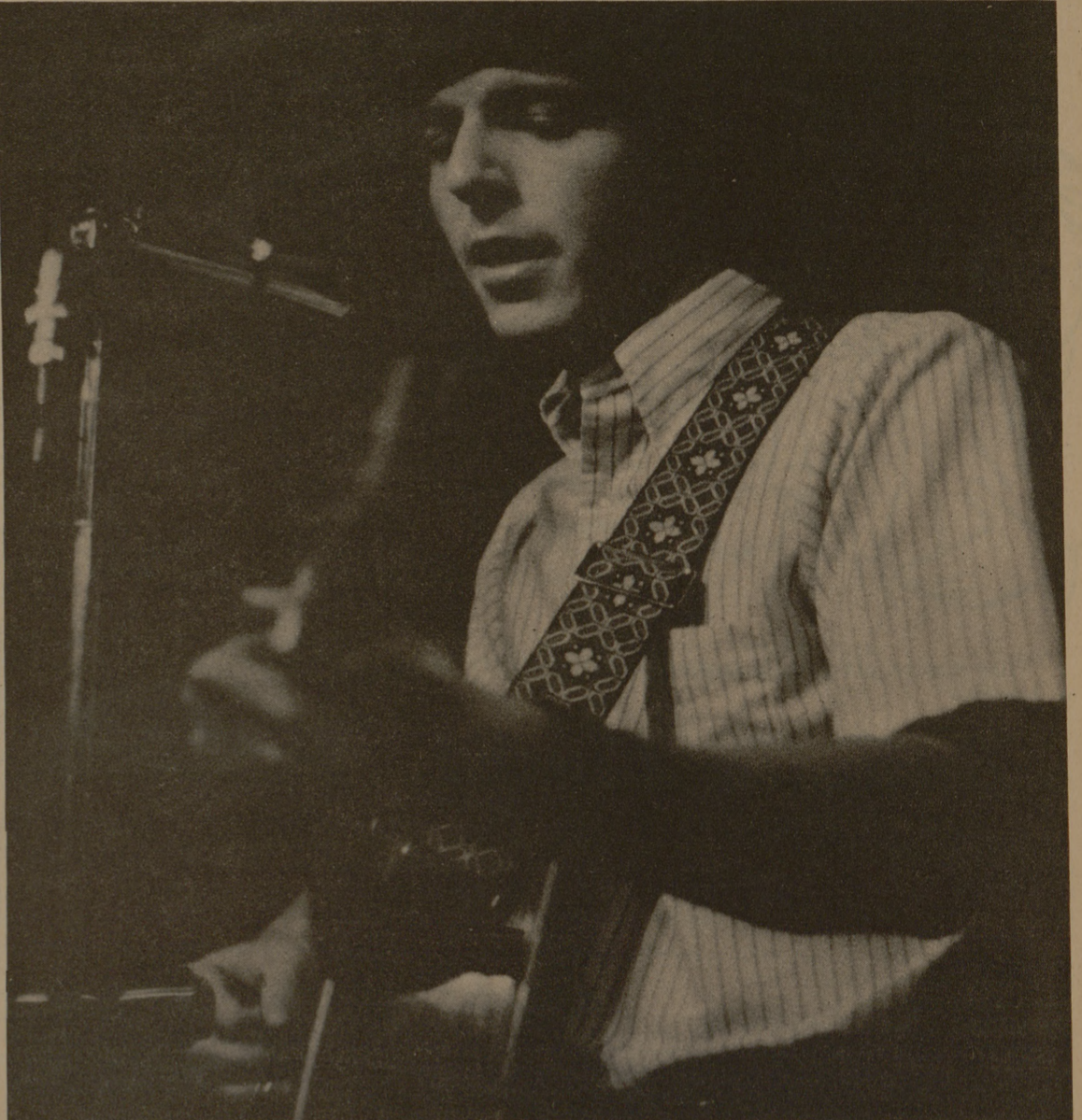
Hours of service under the bill would be the same for beer taverns, with special late-hour permits required to serve beyond 12:15 a.m. on weekdays and 1:15 a.m. on weekends.

In other action Thursday, the Senate approved 24-6 and sent back to the House a bill raising tuition for out-of-state students from \$200 to \$500 a semester. International students, nonresident students currently enrolled and teaching assistants are exempted from the increase.

Sen. Ralph Hall of Rockwall said Barnes had insisted he bring up his legislative ethics bill again Monday, and Hall said he had agreed. He said Tuesday he was ready to drop the whole thing after the Senate cut the "heart" out of the bill by permitting legislators' law partners to practice before state agencies.

The House passed and sent to the Senate 133-2 a bill changing the name of Lamar State College of Technology at Beaumont to Lamar University.

In a routine session, the House tentatively approved bills that would allow cities up to 500,000 population to spend up to 1 percent of their general fund budget for advertising; prohibit thrashing of pecans without property owners' consent; and prohibiting the firing of employees for filing workmen's compensation claims.



ALAN RAMSEY, A SINGER and guitar player from Austin performs in the Basement Thursday night. The light, folk, current, pop, little blues, player will be appearing Friday and Saturday nights as well. (Photo by Larry Martin)

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Letters bring release of POW photos

The family of an American POW held in North Vietnam credits the national letter writing campaign with providing communication with the airman and photographs allegedly showing his good care in a recent issue of Life Magazine.

Air Force Capt. Arthur T. (Tommy) Hoffson is shown with a group of POWs in the Feb. 12 issue of Life. His face is almost completely hidden in the color photograph on the upper left corner of page 28. But unpublished photos clearly show the son of Col. (ret.) and Mrs. W. A. Hoffson of Washington, D. C.

The photographs were taken by Japanese photographer-journalist Koza Sakurai and accompany a story about prisoner treatment. Capt. Hoffson apparently was at a Christmas service when the photographs were taken.

The 27-year-old single officer has several relatives in the Bryan and Cameron areas. His maternal grandmother is Mrs. J. H. Thomas of Cameron. His mother's two sisters are Mrs. Make McDermott of Cameron and Mrs. Juanita Young of 2100 Echols, Bryan, an assistant accountant for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service at Texas A&M University.

Mrs. Young's daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Patranello of 212 Ehlinger, Bryan, is a first cousin and grew up with the airman.

Mrs. Hoffson is a graduate of Hearne High School.

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shot down over North Vietnam on Aug. 17, 1968. The plane's pilot was Lt. Elmo Powell of Gatesville, nephew of Miss Mary Routh of Bryan, a retired Texas Agricultural Extension Service specialist who had worked with Mrs. Young for many years.

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Ceremonies for Earl Rudder to be Tuesday

Brief informal ceremonies marking the first anniversary of the death of Earl Rudder will be conducted Tuesday at Texas A&M University, announced A&M President Dr. Jack Williams.

Williams said the special observance will be conducted at 12:15 p. m. on the System Building lawn.

Student Body President Kent Caperton and Edward E. Duryea, commander of the Corps of Cadets' Ross Volunteers, are in charge of arranging the observance.

"I ask that there be a pause Tuesday as we go about the business of the university," Williams said, "in memory of Earl Rudder, his inspired leadership and his unparalleled devotion to this institution and its purposes."

"It will be a simple but respectful ceremony," Caperton explained Thursday, "in memory of President Rudder's death. We will place a wreath at the base of the main flagpole in front of the Systems Building."

Williams noted that students, faculty-staff and Bryan-College Station residents are invited to attend.

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IN A WAY REMINISCENT of A&M parking lots and streets is this shopping center at Natrona Heights, Pa. The one-way signs could pass for the ones here, and the huge piles of snow, pushed out of the way of the lanes, looks a lot like dirt. (AP Wirephoto)

taxpayer funds, if sustained by the Senate, would delay if not kill the SST program, the administration has said it has emergency alternative financing plans for consideration.

The senate voted 2 to 41 at one point last year to halt SST funds but Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe expressed hope Thursday the House action "will be corrected" when the new Senate takes up the program.

"If Congress fails to continue this program tens of thousands of workers will feel the effects in the years to come," Volpe said. "Our country will lose leadership in the most important field of this air-space age and our economy will suffer great losses."

Sen. William Proxmire, D-Wis., a leading critic of the SST, acknowledged that Senate opposition to the program is not as strong now as it was last year, but he said "I definitely think this House vote will help turn some senators around."

Sen. Henry M. Jackson, D-Wash., called the house action a tragedy for science and technology and said it is "bad news for the aerospace industry" as well as for "those who want to see a balanced effort in which we go ahead without social and economic programs."

The other Washington senator, Democrat Warren G. Magnuson, said "I'm confident of one thing: there eventually will be an American SST."

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