

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — Gov. Preston Smith has admitted defeat in his attempt to get competitive car and home insurance rates but said he was hopeful the 30-day session just ended had paved the way for a thorough reform of Texas insurance law by the 1973 Legislature.

Gleeful legislators headed home Wednesday after Smith made a delayed announcement that he would not call still another special session of the 62nd Legislature.

The 4th Called Session ended at midnight Tuesday in a stalemate after a House-Senate negotiating committee failed to pro-

duce a compromise between separate competitive rate bills approved by the House and Senate. Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes and Speaker Rayford Price told their respective houses they thought Smith would have them back at work the next day.

However, Smith issued a statement near noon Wednesday saying "despite my disappointment that no competitive rate bill was finally passed and my belief that the need and the legislative desire for competitive rates has been well established, it is my judgment that it would be fruitless to call the legislature back for a fifth called session to deal

with insurance reform. The differences between the two houses of the Legislature at this time appear too great to be worked out."

Smith added that he remained firm in his conviction "bolstered by the legislative deliberations of the past 30 days, that our insurance system is desperately in need of reform."

The governor, who lost a bid for re-election in the May primary, said he would include recommendations for "thorough reform of our insurance regulatory system" in his January address to the next legislature. The

legislature convenes its 1973 regular session before the next governor takes office.

"I am hopeful that, because of the exposure and public attention that this issue has received during the past 30 days, competitive rates and other insurance reforms can and will be approved," he said.

Smith also claimed the just-ended session could not be called fruitless because of the passage of a number of bills on the 29 subjects he gave the legislators to consider.

**Conservatism**

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I consider the Washington Post, New York Times, CBS, NBC and ABC liberal mouthpieces, responded Mahoney to another student's question.

There is definitely a liberal bias toward the military, he said in response to another question.

"There are a number of reasons including the facts that the military is very authoritarian, traditional and patriotic — all quite different from the liberal point of view," reasoned Mahoney.

"The liberal elite in this country is out of touch with the majority of the people," continued Mahoney. "I just hope we can make enough progress to turn back the liberals."

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**Stephenson Named New Sea Grant Director**

Dr. Robert C. Stephenson has been named the new director of A&M's Center for Marine Resources and the Sea Grant College Program, effective Nov. 1. Former director of the Ohio State Research Foundation, Stephenson succeeds Dr. John C. Calhoun, Jr., who has been vice president for academic affairs for A&M since September, 1971.

Dr. Calhoun has been director of Sea Grant since its beginning in 1968, and of the Center for Marine Resources, established in 1971 to administer Sea Grant and other marine-related programs. In September, 1971, under Calhoun's leadership, A&M was designated one of the nation's first four sea Grant Colleges.

"Texas A&M is very fortunate to have a man of Dr. Stephenson's caliber join our growing marine sciences program," Dr. Calhoun said.

"His experience at Ohio State in university-wide programs such as the Lake Erie Research Center will be directly applicable to the state-wide program for marine resources in Texas."

As director of the center, Stephenson will be considered the University spokesman for marine resources. He will oversee activities and projects relating to the Sea Grant Program across the state. Assisting Stephenson will

be Willis H. Clark, who will continue as associate director.

"I am pleased to have been selected to assist in the further development of marine resources and related programs of the University," Stephen notes. "The record of accomplishments and the reputation of A&M in these areas is well recognized."

Stephenson and his wife, Christie, who have three grown children, are moving from Columbus, Ohio, where he has worked as a consultant on research administration, problems in higher education, and geology of industrial rocks and minerals.

**CSC Plans To**

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said. Twenty-five dealers will be trained and will be paid \$1.60 per hour. All students interested should contact Jim Shower in Room 201 of Hughes Hall at 845-3500.

John Bethancourt needs volunteers to pick up prizes and donations from area merchants. Anyone able to help should contact him at 845-1200.

Volunteers are also need to assist in setting up gaming equipment for the event. Those interested in serving in this capacity should call Tommy Shelton at 845-4888. Girls interested in helping with decorations or serving as "Saloon Girls" will meet at the Krueger-Dunn commons Sunday at 8 p. m. for an organizational meeting. Refreshments will be sold in the bar during Casino.

The CSC is further sponsoring the western dance Saturday night at 9 p. m. in Sbis. The Nashville Rebels will provide the entertainment. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$1.50 per person.

**Butler**

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artillery officer. He was discharged as a major.

The TAMU professor served under the late Gen. Earl Rudder in the old 90th Infantry Division. As a colonel, Butler commanded the 4th Battalion, 19th Artillery, of the 90th, "Texas' Own" Army Reserve division.

The stars Gen. Butler wears formerly indicated the rank of Gen. Rudder. They were presented by Mrs. Rudder.



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