

Penal Code Revision Approved

AUSTIN (AP)—The House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee voted 12-0 Monday night for the first wholesale revision of the Texas Penal Code in 117 years.

The bill now goes to the floor of the House. The committee recessed after handling only corrective amendments because the hearing was poorly attended by the 23-member committee.

But the committee decided to reconvene after recessing. It approved the bill without discussion of controversial amendments since they are sure to be debated by the full House anyway.

The two most disputed amendments are expected to deal with insanity and evidentiary searches.

Under the present code, a man must prove he did not know the difference between right and wrong or did not know the nature and consequences of his act. If he

cannot show one of these, his criminal act cannot be excused on the ground of insanity. This is known as the M'Naghten Rule, first established in an 1844 English murder case.

The proposed code would excuse criminal behavior if the defendant is shown to have suffered from a mental disease or defect

Allocations

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The plan forwarded by the Senate was an "on the floor quickie" which was discussed less than fifteen minutes and approved by a vote of 36-29. It should be noted that these 36 out of 100 senators were on their way out of office."

Ross commented on the letter, especially referring to the second paragraph.

"These senators still represented their constituents," said Ross. "The \$18 plan was the result of an amendment to the \$17 Miori plan."

"We spent three hours on Student Services fees alone," said Ross, referring back to the April 5 meeting. "Everyone had a working knowledge of all the documents, as each issue was discussed thoroughly until all questions were asked."

that prevented him from conforming his conduct to the requirements of law.

Some House members are expected to argue for the restoration of the M'Naghten Rule.

The other controversial amendment is one that would permit evidentiary searches. Under the present code, search warrants are authorized only for "the fruits of the crime." This amendment would permit law enforcement officers to go beyond that.

The proposed code divides crime into three classes of felony and

three classes of misdemeanor. Each class carries a specific punishment range.

Unlike the present code, which sets a separate penalty for each crime, the new code would simply classify each crime as one of the felonies or misdemeanors, automatically giving it the punishment authorized for that category.

Capital punishment, abortion and drugs are not handled by the new code because of their controversial nature. They will be dealt with as separate measures.

Fish Drill Team Places First In Lone Star Invitational

A first place closed the Fish Drill Team's 1972-73 season, bringing its winnings this year to two firsts, two seconds and third at the National Intercollegiate Drill competition.

The Fish closed the year Saturday by winning the Lone Star Invitational at Trinity University.

They came from behind to win at San Antonio. The all-freshman team commanded by Joseph M. Chandler trailed Texas A&I going into the fancy marching phase.

The FDT made up 4.13 points. After placing second in inspection and basic, the Texas state champions captured the overall trophy with the best fancy phase. It included one drop.

A&I was second overall. Trophies also went to Hardin-Simmons, UT-Austin and UT-El Paso.

The team marched in the Battle of Flowers parade Friday and attended a party by the San Antonio A&M Club. Chandler's parents hosted a barbecue for the team Saturday evening.

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Rep. Carl A. Parker of Port Arthur lists himself among possible candidates for speaker of the House in 1975.

\$1 Million Limit In Campaigns OKd

AUSTIN (AP)—Candidates for the state's top elective offices would be limited to spending about \$1 million apiece under a bill approved Monday by the House Elections Committee.

It would be Texas' first state office campaign expense law. In last year's election, Gov. Dolph Briscoe spent about \$2.5 million to get elected.

The bill, by Rep. Joe Pantony, D-Houston, would break down expenses on a cents-per-voter ratio.

Candidates for governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general could spend a maximum of 3.5 cents per person in a primary election and the same in a general election. They could spend 1.75 cents per person for a runoff.

If a gubernatorial candidate were involved in a primary, a runoff, and a general election, that would amount to about \$1 million, Pantony said.

Allotments for other state offices would be proportionately less. Candidates for statewide offices could spend 1.75 cents for primary and general elections, and .85 cents for runoffs.

District elections, with less population involved, would have a limit of 10 cents per person for primaries and general elections and 5 cents for runoffs.

Under Pantony's bill, the expenses would apply to all forms of advertising, including broadcast and print media.

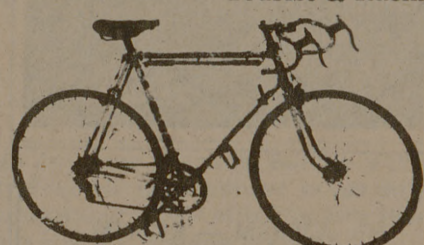
Newspapers, magazines, or

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