

U.S. Rep. Bob Eckhardt

Eckhardt speaks to Aggies after landslide win Tuesday

U.S. Rep. Bob Eckhardt of Houston said at TAMU Wednesday there is need for faster determination of rights on the open beaches. The land is disappearing faster than the

cases to determine who has rights to the sandy stretches. Eckhardt, father of the 1959 Open Beach Act, gave one of his first public appearances since win-

ning a 72 percent landslide re-election bid Tuesday over D. D. Whitefield.

The congressman, a member of the Texas Legislature from 1958-66, spoke at the Recreational Land Use on the Texas Coast Conference hosted by TAMU's Department of Management, Department of Recreation and Parks and Center for Marine Resources.

Eckhardt also called for a uniformity in approach to coastal management and consideration to access roads and parking lots to get the public to the beach but to keep its cars off the sand.

He gave a case study review of the development of beach rights legislation including private ownership and public use of the same land through a number of traditional theories.

Eckhardt headed a list of speakers at the meeting on coastal management, or the marriage of protection and development.

Spokesmen were on hand from the General Land Office's Beach Management Program and from private developing industry. A number of TAMU faculty with expertise in management areas also presented views on legislation, recreation and finances.



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Briscoe leads Democrats back into office after one-sided election

(AP) — Veteran Democrats, led by Gov. Dolph Briscoe, were swept back into office in Texas over the crumbling remains of third parties and a considerably weakened GOP in Tuesday's election.

"I consider this election a vote of confidence in my record... a record of integrity, compassion and sound fiscal management," said Briscoe, a South Texas rancher-millionaire re-elected to a four-year term.

Briscoe, who stopped campaigning two weeks ago to stay close to his critically ill mother in Valde but spent \$640,000 of his own in the campaign, easily defeated Republican Jim Granberry by a two to one margin.

"Apparently there was a strong anti-Republican trend all over the nation that was difficult to overcome," Granberry, a Lubbock orthonodontist said in his concession speech Tuesday night.

Apparently there was also a strong feeling of apathy. With a large percentage of the votes already counted it appeared that less than 1.8 million voters went to polls. In the 1972 election 3.4 million Texans voted. In 1970, the vote was 2.3 million.

Crushed in the Democratic landslide also were third party candidates Ramsey Muniz of the Raza Unida party, Sherry Smith of the Socialist Workers party and American Party candidate Sam McDonnell.

Muniz, who received 200,000 votes in 1972, had less than 90,000 this time and was falling short of the 6 percent total of 1972. Smith and McDonnell were barely noticeable in the overall count.

Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Tex., who came home to Texas after a tour of the country sounding out public reaction to his presidential aspirations, said the election results indicated general dissatisfaction with economic conditions.

"The American people are fed up with high interest rates, tight money and a deepening recession," he said.

There were several outstanding

Republican casualties in congressional and in statewide races as the Democrats strengthened their grip on Texas.

Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, Atty. Gen. John Hill and Treasurer Jesse James easily won re-election.

Bob Bullock, who won the comptroller's seat, swamped Vietnam veteran and former POW Nick Rowe in what was expected to be a closer race.

The latest totals, with Democrats listed first, Republicans second and others designated:

Governor: Gov. Dolph Briscoe D. 990,065, Jim Granberry R 508,849, Ramsey Muniz Raza Unida 92,431, Sherry Smith Socialist Workers 8,031, Sam McDonnell American 21,044.

Returns in other state races: from 233 of 254 counties, Democrats first, Republicans second, others designated;

Lt. Gov.: Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby 1,099,410, Gaylord Marshall 435,957, Dan Fein Socialist Workers, SW 13,178.

Atty. Gen.: Atty. Gen. John Hill 1,143,700, Tom Cole 368,478, Pedro Vasquez SW 29,372.

Comptroller: Bob Bullock 1,067,548, Nick Rowe 411,565, Sas Scoggins SW 16,038.

Treasurer: Treasurer Jesse James 997,574, Robert Holt 543,947.

Land Comm.: Comm. Bob Armstrong 1,113,915, Mary Lou Grier 380,878, William Rayson SW 11,776.

Railroad Comm.: Comm. Jim Langdon 1,012,334, Joe Cain 402,355, Fred Garza Raza Unida 77,604, Rick Congress 19,426.

Railroad Comm, unexpired term: Comm. Mack Wallace 1,046,752, Dale Steffes 400,302.

One of the top Republican casualties was U. S. Rep. Bob Price of Pampa who lost to Jack Hightower of Vernon.

Price had enlisted the help of several high-ranking Republicans including California Gov. Ronald Reagan.

In South Texas, Bob Krueger of New Braunfels, a newcomer to state politics, defeated Republican Bob Harlan to succeed retiring Democrat O. C. Fisher.

The voters appeared to have little sympathy for Republicans who may have been held responsible for more than their share of blame for the country's economic woes.

Briscoe and the Democrats were given a larger margin of victory than in 1972 when GOP candidate Hank Grover fell short in a very close race.

Granberry was able to win only five of 254 counties, including his own, Lubbock. The others were Midland, Ochiltree, Randall and Smith. In 1972 Grover won 23 counties and led in the combined voting of the eight counties with the larger vote.

The Republicans had a few bright spots. One was a narrow victory by freshman U. S. Rep. Alan Steelman of Dallas who stood the challenge of veteran Democrat Mike McKool.

Texas' congressional delegation now will have 21 Democrats and three Republicans.

Muniz, whose party tried to shy away from the Mexican-American label to appeal to Anglo voters, apparently lost ground. He won only Zavala County, birthplace of the party, where founder Jose Angel Gutierrez defeated an incumbent Anglo Democrat for county judge.

The traditional Republican split showed again after the election with Republican Rowe blaming the party hierarchy for his defeat for comptroller.

Rowe said one reason for his defeat was that financial help promised him never materialized. He also said that another cause was that he "wouldn't crunch under to John Tower."

Briscoe campaigned mostly on his record as a moderate conservative and pointed to a huge state surplus as one of his accomplishments.

He also pledged to seek pay raises for state employees and teachers and an overhaul of the state's school financing system.

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