

# Clayton promises Texas austerity

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — Rep. Bill Clayton, the new speaker of the Texas House, is a rich, hard-working farmer who doesn't take vacations and promises two years of austerity with no comic relief.

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Clayton, 46, a conservative Democrat, from Springlake, was elected Speaker Tuesday, giving him a great deal to say about the course of the new legislative session.

Like his predecessor, Price Daniel Jr., Clayton says the speaker should be content with presiding over the House, furnishing a little leadership where needed, but should push no legislative program.

But he is expected to use his influence to pass rules tightening decorum on the House floor and to come down hard on clowning that he believes has hurt the legislature's image.

And his committee appointments, expected next week, probably will give a more conservative tone to bills reaching the floor than was seen during Daniel's one-term administration.

He intends to lead the House Appropriations Committee with penny pinchers who will try to keep the state budget low enough to avoid a tax bill while still increasing state aid to public schools.

Clayton worries a lot about the legislature's image, even seems obsessed by the way the House appears to the gallery — "It looks like an ant hill."

"You don't go to the board room of a large corporation and see the clowning around and some of the other things we do," he says.

He has been in the House for 12 years and was a part of the "team" system by which former Speakers Ben Barnes and Gus Mutscher exerted control.

In 1967 he successfully blocked attempts to keep Texas from joining the rest of the nation under uniform

Daylight Saving Time. He chaired the committee in 1969 that, in effect, killed a bill to legalize pari-mutuel horse race betting.

Last year he won House passage of a bill raising bank rates on \$300-\$1,000 loans from 8 to 9 percent, but it died in the Senate.

His chief legislative interest, however, has been water and he is a devout believer in the need for importing water — from other states if necessary — to the South Plains, where he farms 2,000 irrigated acres of corn, cotton and sorghum.

He pegs his net worth at \$574,000.

Clayton is slightly less than the average height, standing 5 feet 7½ inches. His blue eyes are framed by steel-rimmed glasses.

Unabashedly chauvinistic, he displays on his office bulletin board such bumper stickers as "TEXAS OIL FOR TEXAS — SECESSION NOW" and "DRIVE 90 AND FREEZE A DAMN YANKEE."

Clayton wears a copper link bracelet on his right wrist and swears "it works" as a cure for bur-sitis.

Despite a severe heart attack in 1968, Clayton bustles about in bursts of energy. Until the Federal Aviation Agency found out about that heart attack and yanked his pilot's licenses, late last year Clayton flew a twin-engine Piper Aztec.

He graduated from Texas A&M University with a degree in agricultural economics and took over management of the family farm. He is a deacon of First Baptist Church of Springlake, but admits to an occasional cocktail.

Unlike previous speakers,

Clayton does not plan to live in the apartment provided for presiding officers behind the House chamber. He and his wife, Delma, will live in a house they own in Northeast Austin, about 20 minutes away from the Capitol.

Clayton says he does not plan to undermine the procedural reforms passed in 1973 to weaken the control of the speaker and slow the pace of legislation.

"The reforms, if you are a conservative, are one of the best things that ever happened because a conservative doesn't like to rush things. So when you have to put up five days' notice for a committee hearing, that slows things down. If they think I am going to change that, they are crazy," he says.

## Senators vote 'no' to access

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas' four new state senators all cast "no" votes Tuesday in their first Senate test — to open to the public and press the secret sessions held to debate appointments by the governor.

Sen. Oscar Mauzy, D-Dallas, proposed making the closed-door sessions public, but failed 10-21.

Voting against Mauzy's proposal were the four first term senators — Ray Farnace of Wichita Falls, Kent Hance of Lubbock, Frank Lombardino of San Antonio and Lindon Williams of Houston. All are Democrats.

## Democrats ready for battle

By CARL P. LEUBSDORF  
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WASHINGTON (AP) — The 94th Congress proceeded through its traditional opening day ceremonies Tuesday with battle lines already forming between its heavily Democratic majorities and President Ford over tax and energy programs.

Most Congressional Democrats said Ford's tax cut plan should be revamped to concentrate benefits on lower and middle income taxpayers. The White House did announce that the permanent tax reductions to be sought by the President will strongly favor lower income groups, which might meet one of the Democratic objections.

As the rituals of swearing in members whose terms actually started Jan. 3 proceeded before galleries packed with family members in both Houses, the Senate promptly became enmeshed in a battle over its disputed New Hampshire seat.

The debate was set off when Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield moved to send the entire matter, including rival election certificates for Democrat John A. Durkin and Republican Louis C. Wyman, to the Rules Committee for a recommendation.

Neither was seated as 33 senators, including 10 newcomers,

with their home-state colleagues proceeded to the rostrum in groups of four to be sworn in by Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller, presiding to open the session.

The House, in one of its first moves, voted to abolish the Internal Security Committee, once known as the Un-American Activities Committee. The committee's jurisdiction was shifted to the Judiciary Committee when a package of rules for the new Congress was approved 259 to 150.

The Democratic caucus had earlier voted by a wide margin to abolish the committee.

The representatives were gavelled to order by the House clerk, former Rep. W. Pat Jennings of Virginia. The, after a 45-minute call of the roll of 435 members, it re-elected Rep. Carl B. Albert of Oklahoma to his third two-year term as speaker.

Albert, unanimous choice of the majority Democrats, defeated Rep. John J. Rhodes of Arizona, the Republican leader, by a party-line vote.

He then swore in the new House, whose 291-144 Democratic majority is the biggest since a 295-140 Democratic margin in the 89th Congress elected in 1964.

In the Senate, where the Democratic majority stands at 61 to 38 pending the New Hampshire outcome, both parties elected their leaders at morning caucuses.

The Democrats, for the eighth straight time, picked Mansfield, who has broken all records for ser-

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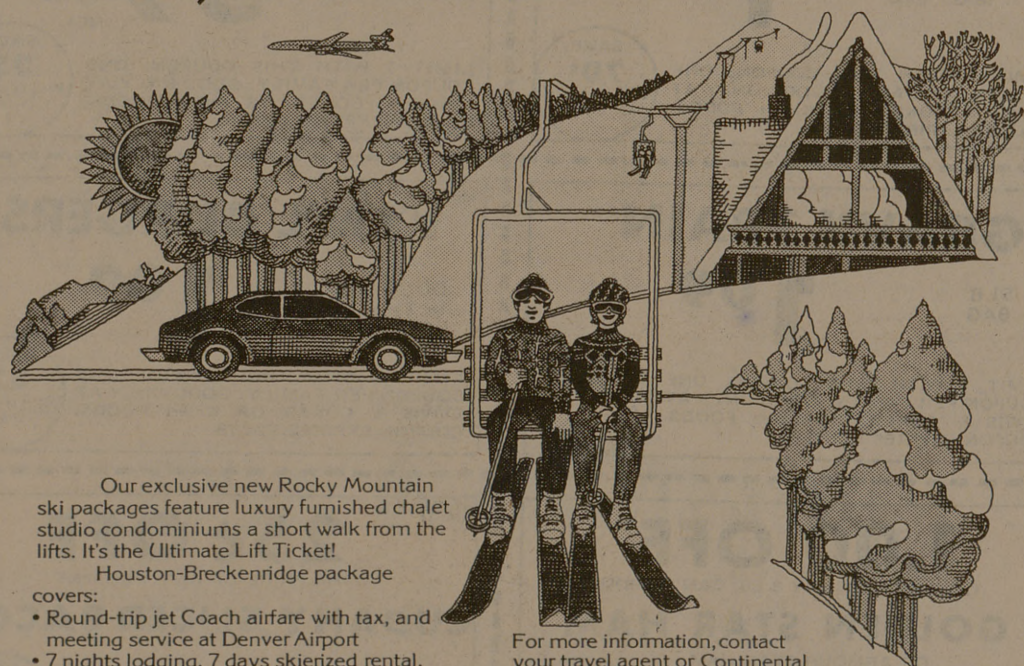
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