## Wafarm bureau hits back

grain and cattle man, said the Farm Bureau was taking the m in response to an attorney oral's ruling that a new tax relief am was unconstitutional in its

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and ranches.

The Texas Farm Bureau is very disappointed by the ruling of the attorney general, but we know he did what he had to do," Chaloupka said.

"We must work harder to have the constitution ap."

"No amount of sugar coating will in the constitution ap."

amendment to the constitution approved so we can put it to work." for taxation of farm and ranch land on its productive value is uncon- is amended," he said. stitutional without a change in the

plained the situation to 1,500 upon passage of a constitutional amendment, and changed the wordoupka said he did not blame ing of the bill only after the pro-

"No amount of sugar coating will hide the bitter taste of the invalidity Hill's decision said a bill passed of House Bill 22, just as no amount by the 1977 Legislature providing of gimmickry or legal acrobatics will save the bill unless the Constitution

titutional without a change in the constitution.

He said sponsors of the bill original dustry by facing the Farm Bureau manufacture. nally made its effect contingent meeting, said he made the trip be-

ing of the bill only after the proposed amendment failed in the House by one vote.

"It could hurt me some politically, but I'm not worried about that," Hill said. "I just want the e no reason to blame him, "he said. "I don't blame "Tax relief for farmers and ranchers is imperative and is of the highest urgency," Hill told the group. deal effectively with this issue."

the tax break for farm and ranch

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il ruled the bill passed by the 7 Legislature was unconstitu-nal, and could not be imnted unless the legislature xas voters approve a constituamendment authorizing asent of taxes based on some ala other than market value. e attorney general contended

news conference Monday that cal opponents had attempted

Hill has shown he is fully capable of release his opinion on House Bill embarrassing himself politically 22."

cratic primary, had closed an sion on the agricultural land bill at Amarillo adult movie theater on the eve of a campaign visit to Amarillo, and a federal court said Hill's action groups which unsuccessfully sought was in bad faith.

"John Hill wanted to ride into land. Amarillo on a white horse and a wave of publicity," Bullock said.

"But the attorney general of Texas, above all people, should know he's farmers and ranchers without any got to put the law of the land ahead change in the state constitution. of personal political gain.

Bullock said, "Hill sounds like the boy who cried wolf, crying politics, barrass him by forcing him to admitting he consulted his political advisers about when and where to

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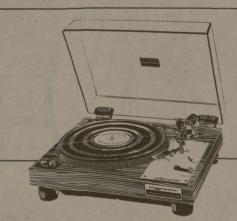
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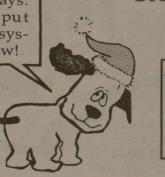
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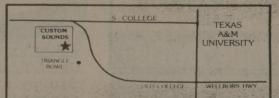


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