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# Committee OKs regents for UT

AUSTIN — Less than a week before he left office, Gov. Dolph Briscoe made three appointments to one of the state's most powerful and prestigious boards and surprisingly, all three of the University of Texas Board of Regents nominees have received unanimous approval from a Senate committee.

The non-controversial session the lame-duck appointees had Tuesday with the Senate Nominations Committee was in sharp contrast to the interrogation endured by six nominees recommended when Briscoe still had some clout with lawmakers.

The committee spent only 30 minutes questioning Jon Newton of Austin and Beeville, Howard Richards of Beaumont and James Powell of Fort McKavett before voting unanimously in favor of approving their nominations to one of the state's most powerful and prestigious boards.

All three men, predictably, said they favored a "common-sense approach" to education and retention of the Permanent University Fund. The full Senate is expected to vote today on the appointments.

Among the Briscoe appointments that prompted vociferous complaints at Senate hearings and questions about everything from sleeping habits to political activities were those of Walter G. Sterling of Houston in 1975 and Jess Hay of Dallas in 1977. Critics said Sterling slept in regents' meetings and Senators questioned the fact Hay was a key fundraiser for Briscoe.

But senators Tuesday questioned Newton, Richards and Powell about nothing more controversial than their views on teaching effectiveness and preservation of the special fund that benefits UT and Texas A&M University.

"I do feel there can be some efficiency brought to bear in the expenditure of funds. This is part of the administrative system that needs to be looked at," Powell said in response to a question from Sen. Ed Howard, D-Texas.

Howard said he would like to see UT reduce its requests for tax money from the Legislature by making better use of PUF revenues that lawmakers do not control.

Sen. Betty Andujar, R-Fort Worth, said she is concerned "many students go through two or maybe three years without ever having a real professor" because of overemphasis on research and publishing by faculty members.

"When the research and publishing outweigh the teaching I question whether that's right," Richards said.

Newton, who recently resigned a \$45,200-a-year job as Texas Railroad Commissioner because of a potential conflict of interest over his wife's gas wells, said he foresees no problems in his serving on the UT board.

Briscoe named Newton to replace former Gov. Allan Shivers on the board. Powell was nominated for the seat now held by Edward Clark of Austin, former ambassador to Australia. Richards was appointed to replace Dr. James A. Bauerle, a San Antonio dentist.

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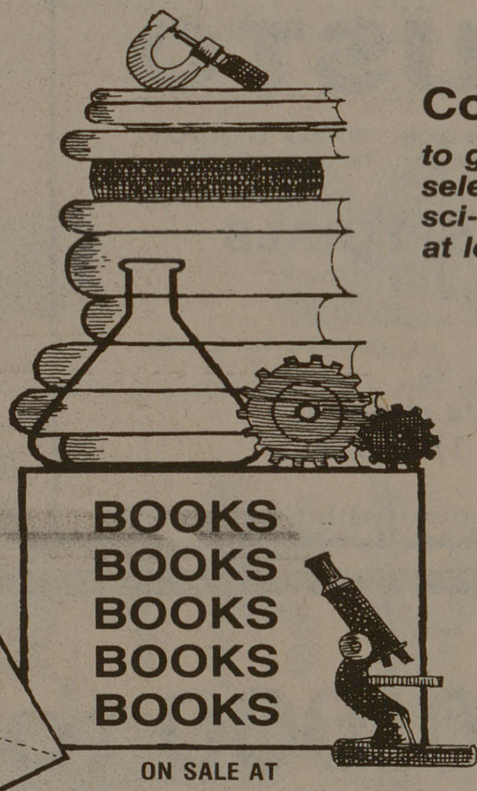
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## Bill may prohibit foreign investors

DENVER — Forrest Burns, a veteran Colorado lawmaker and rural farmer, fears the stability of the nation's agriculture may be jeopardized if foreign investors continue buying up American farmland. Burns says that fear, along with conversations with neighbors and constituents, prompted him to introduce a bill in the Colorado House to significantly reduce agriculture land ownership in the state by non-resident aliens.

The bill, heard by a House committee Wednesday, prohibits corporations from allowing foreign interests to own more than 10 percent of the company's stock.

"Maybe I'm being farfetched, but

the foreign purchase of our land and farmland could mean a determining of our whole agricultural system," said Burns.

"If enough aliens got ownership they could control farm prices and people would have to pay as much as double of what they now pay for farm products," he said.

A U.S. Agriculture Department report also shows during a month period beginning July 1977, foreign investors bought about 30,000 acres of Colorado land.

Burns said what he found disturbing was in some instances foreign firms were purchasing and rangeland through "dummy corporations" and there was no tracing of ownership.

"I've found that they (foreigners) are funneling money into United States through friendly nations like Canada," he said. "It's really difficult to find the true owners. They set up these dummy corporations and it's hard to identify them."

Burns' bill would require corporations to file the name and ownership of anyone holding more than 10 percent of company stock in land holdings purchased prior to July 1, if the bill is approved, would be exempted from the law. A Colorado residence or plantation take up bona fide residence in state.

Any alien or corporation buying agriculture land in violation of proposed law would be subject to state takeover of the land.

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- 1:00 p.m. Rudder Theatre Feb. 15 "Labor's Concerns and Issues Within the Economy" Mr. Bill Cunningham
- 3:30 p.m. Rudder Theatre Feb. 15 "The Inflation-Unemployment Problem" Dr. Joseph E. Burns
- 10:00 a.m. Rudder Theatre Feb. 16 "The Economic Environment in Agriculture" Dr. Clifton B. Cox
- 2:30 p.m. Rudder Theatre Feb. 16 "Industrial Innovation and Productivity—A Cooperative Technology Approach" Dr. Howard E. Sorrows

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