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Those who wants Grand jury slated to quiz Clayton today about Brilab

United Press International HOUSTON — House Speaker Bill Clayton, determined to risk the possibility of an indictment in a bid salvage his political career, was cheduled to go before a federal rand jury today pledging to answer l questions about a \$5000 "cash ontribution" given to him by a un-

wince him to invoke his constitution-d privilege to remain silent, but the meeting in his Capitol office with

suggested would be political suicide.

'He's planning to answer the questions," said George Works,

Clayton, 51, has denied any wrongdoing in interviews with re-porters and said his only concern at testifying under oath is that federal prosecutors might trick him into making some false statement about company representative.

The Texas legislative leader is one target of the FBI Brilab investigation of alleged bribery of union and government officials.

Clayton said Moore introduced Joseph Hauser, a convicted felon turned FBI informant, to him as a Prudential Insurance Co. representative seeking assistance in obtaining an \$80,000 contract for insurance on

Moore left a \$5,000 cash contribution on the desk at the close of the meeting in Clayton's Capitol office. Clayton said he ordered the money put away for safekeeping, intending to return it to Moore at a later time

but never got around to it.

The speaker's attorneys invited reorters to witness the counting of the \$100 bills taken from an envelope in an assistant's desk drawer and said the cash will be turned over to federal officials in Houston.

MONTERREY, Mexico - Mex-

ico's government-owned oil compaying for damages from the Ixtoc I oil spill unless ordered to do so by a Mexican court, the director of the company says.

The statement by PEMEX Director Gen. Jorge Diaz Serrano strongly implied PEMEX may ignore any judgment handed down by U.S. courts over the June 3, 1979 blowout that stained South Texas beaches, wreaking havoc on the area's multimillion dollar tourist industry

Any claim made against PEMEX should be within Mexican law and courts of Mexico," Diaz Serrano said. "We have not received any claims of this nature in Mexico.

Diaz Serrano made the statements

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to reporters Saturday during a twoday series of meetings between Bill Clements and Mexican

Solution to Gulf spill

President Jose Lopez Portillo. His statements added to the dispute concerning liability over the blowout, the world's worst oil spill.

Contending Mexican courts are the only proper channels for filing oil spill damage claims since PEMEX is a branch of the Mexican govern-ment, Diaz Serrano said the firm would take no position on its possible liability until it is formally challenged and a suit filed in Mexico.

Before departing for Texas, Clements declined comments on Diaz Serrano's statements. But he repeated an earlier statement that Mexico ultimately may be forced to assume responsibility for the oil spill

is in Mexican courts response," he said. "Just be patient."
PEMEX already has been

threatened with a lawsuit by SED-CO, its co-defendant in U.S. damage suits seeking nearly \$500,0000 in restitution doe damage to Texas

Founded and formerly controlled by Clements, SEDCO has served notice it intends to file a third-party lawsuit to shif damage liability to PEMEX and PEMARGO, a Mexican-owned drilling firm which operated the renegade well using SED-CO equipment.

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School lowers standards, hoping dropouts will stop

PRINCETON, Texas — Officials at Princeton High School, where 26 reent of the student body flunked urses last fall, have decided to low-

er academic standards to keep students from becoming discouraged. At a time when school districts oss the country are raising standards to make sure that Johnny actually can read when he graduates from high school, the Princeton In-

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DALLAS — State statistics indicate the nation's new natural gas act,
anathema to oilmen and challenged

court by four gas producing states,

Figures released by the Texas allroad Commission also indicated he act allowed massive amounts of

exas gas to be exported to other

Exports of Texas-produced gas inreased 45 percent in 1979, the first ear the Natural Gas Policy Act was effect. Before the act, gas exports had declined each year since 1971. The additional gas flowing from exas to other parts of the country was sufficient to replace 400,000 bar-rels of oil a day, about 2 percent of

as shipped out of state was subject a federal price ceiling of \$1.50 per

usand cubic feet. Gas produced

ject to price controls and sold for \$2

Texas gas production last year.

otal U.S. consumption.

ducing its drop-out rate

High school principal Frank Gar-ner said he recommended the school board approve lowering the passing grade from 70 to 65 to keep those students in school who drop out in the sophomore year because they are not passing enough courses to be-

Garner said roughly 15 to 30

New act aided state's

gas production, exports

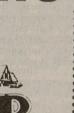
sell for the lower price, a glut of gas prices.

dependent School District decided pupils in the 270-member student to do the reverse — in hopes of rebody drop out near the end of the

"This is to help the marginal student whose grades run in the 65 to 69 range most of the time," he said. These students are not discipline problems. They're giving us the best

they can."
"The response from the student body is real good, but you'd expect

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