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1-term presidents?

Jaworski urges constitutional amendment

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HOUSTON — Former Watergate prosecutor Leon Jaworski Monday urged a constitutional amendment to limit American presidents to one four-year term and new laws to exclude campaign political aides from the White House.

Analysts Federation that Congress should stop investigating its own corruption and turn the job over to a citizens' commission. The Houston attorney expressed disappointment that congressional leaders praised, then dropped the idea of a nonpartisan Institute for Congress.

"I am about convinced the chief executive of the United States should have only one four-year term," Jaworski said. "By the time the second term rolls around, the president has drunk too much of the nectar of power, it seems."

"One must wonder just how many of his actions during the last year of the first term are dictated by sheer politics (of gaining re-election)."

Jaworski also urged a new law forbidding a president to give his campaign aides top White House positions.

"Some of the most deleterious conditions in the operation of the executive branch have been caused by the president's appointment of campaign devotees," Jaworski said.

"Although this is a thoroughly human and understanding practice, it makes for poor government. What is it that qualifies a political hack for high office in the executive branch?"

As for Congress, Jaworski said, "The traditional practice of protecting fellow members from the punishment that fits their crimes provides

additional ground for the public's disgust with this important branch of our government.

"The stubborn fact is that an independent group should investigate the conduct of Congress," Jaworski said.

Jaworski, who led a post-Watergate investigation of Korean influence-peddling in Congress, said the proposed Institute for Congress would have helped improve Congress' low standing in public opinion polls.

"When the Institute for Congress was first proposed, there were glowing tributes paid by members of Congress. Then came second thoughts. 'Does Congress really want this? Do we (Congress) want the public to know of these unbiased recommendations to us — some of which we may not want to adopt for political reasons?'"

"It was abundantly clear to us that Congress would not receive our efforts," Jaworski said, "that we would merely be spinning our wheels and the Institute was abandoned."

Nugent criticizes opponent sharply

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AUSTIN — Railroad Commissioner Jim Nugent chastized his May 3 Democratic primary opponent Monday, calling challenger Jim Hightower an "irresponsible left-winger" with no qualifications to serve on the powerful regulatory agency.

It was the strongest criticism Nugent has leveled at Hightower, and he told reporters the comments are an indication his campaign is gaining strength in the final two weeks.

The former Kerrville representative said he represents the Texas viewpoint on oil and gas matters, and told reporter, "My opponent, on the other hand, represents an eastern left-wing philosophy."

He contended about 40 percent of Hightower's campaign contributions have come from out of state, and defended his own acceptance of large contributions from persons involved in the oil and gas industry, saying he did not know more than half of the contributors before they gave money to his campaign.

Nugent contended his education as an engineer and attorney better qualifies him for the Railroad Commission set.

"It seems to me the choice is clear cut for Texas: A choice between a proven performer with 20 years of service in state government, or an irresponsible left-winger totally without qualifications who has engaged in a flim-flam campaign of deceit and demagoguery presented by a traveling minstrel show," Nugent said.

In the other Railroad Commission race, Rep. Buddy Temple, D-Diboll, who is challenging incum-

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