

# State

## Houston debt could cost city millions

United Press International  
AUSTIN — Comptroller Bob Bullock said Tuesday the city of Houston owes the state \$287,699 in revenue from traffic fines and that the state could withhold mil-

lions of dollars in tax revenue from the city unless the debt is paid. Bullock said Houston collected the money as fines for traffic viola-

ward the money to the state. An audit of city records for the period June 1975 to March 1980 reflected the debt, Bullock said.

He said the city has owed the money for eight months but has made no effort to pay.

"If the city has financial troubles, we'd like to talk to them and work out an installment plan like we do for any other sincere taxpayer," Bullock said.

The audit also resulted in the city paying \$371,000 to the Criminal Justice Planning Fund and \$147,000 to the Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Education Fund.

## Bank funds spent on football tickets

United Press International  
AUSTIN — Lampasas banker Lloyd Davis pleaded guilty Monday to federal charges of making a false entry in records of People's National Bank in Lampasas to cover up the use of bank funds for the purchase of \$700 in University of Texas football tickets from former star Johnny "Lam" Jones.

Davis said he charged the \$700 to an account for bank stationery, printing and supplies.

The guilty plea was part of an agreement with prosecutors in return for the government's dropping the remaining 34 counts of a federal indictment returned against Davis in October.

He could receive a maximum five-year prison sentence and fine of up to \$5,000. Davis' attorneys have indicated they expect him to receive a probated sentence.

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## House votes to transfer fuel control

United Press International  
AUSTIN — The House narrowly passed a bill Tuesday that would transfer to the Railroad Commission authority to issue permits to manufacturers of gasoline, despite protests that the move would be costly to the manufacturers.

The bill by Rep. Bill Coody, D-Weatherford, was passed 72-66 and sent to the Senate.

Rep. Dan Kubiak, D-Rockdale, one of the House's two leading gasoline advocates, said transferring the authority from the Alcohol Beverage Commission would thwart the gasoline industry. He said the ABC's method of operation was more cost efficient than the Railroad Commission's.

"It's something that is a slap in the face, and all of you realize that," Kubiak said.

He said the ABC should retain control of permit issuance because gasoline is manufactured from agricultural products.

But Coody said the Railroad Commission should have the authority to issue the permits because gasoline is an energy fuel and the Railroad Commission has jurisdiction over fuel matters.

## New judge in 10-year deseg trial

United Press International  
DALLAS — The new judge in the 10-year-old Dallas school desegregation case says he plans to bring the case to trial promptly.

School officials had feared the change of judges, necessitated by the withdrawal of the original judge in the case, would cause a delay in the suit, making it difficult for the school system to implement any new desegregation plan.

U.S. District Judge Barefoot Sanders was chosen to replace Judge William Taylor, who disqualified himself because of NAACP objections. Taylor had presided over the case for the last 10 years.

Sanders canceled the original trial date of Mar. 30, but told attorneys for both sides "that the court does not anticipate a long delay in bringing this case to trial."

Sanders Monday ordered a pre-trial hearing for Friday.

Taylor disqualified himself after the NAACP said he could no longer be impartial in the suit because of his past association with the school district's desegregation law firm and his conversations with the Dallas Alliance, the group that drew up the current desegregation plan.

The NAACP may use Friday's hearing to ask Sanders whether he, too, should disqualify himself in light of earlier statements made by the judge opposing busing for desegregation.

Thomas Atkins, a national attorney for the NAACP, said Saturday he will study the past positions taken by the judge and determine whether the NAACP will seek to remove him from the suit.

Atkins said he was troubled by statements made by Sanders in his 1972 campaign for the U.S. Senate. The civil rights attorney said he would reserve judgement on the issue until later.

During his campaign against Sen. John Tower, R-Texas, Sanders said repeatedly he was against busing for desegregation.

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