

# Reagan

## Legislature holds prayer service for Reagan

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United Press International  
AUSTIN — The Texas Legislature Monday held a prayer service for President Reagan and passed a

joint resolution condemning the assassination attempt on the president.

The packed chamber took on a solemn air as Speaker Bill Clayton called the joint session to order with three strikes of the gavel. The purpose of the session had changed considerably from its original purpose, Clayton said.

Vice President George Bush had planned to address the Legislature about federal-state relations.

The session unanimously adopted a resolution denouncing the attempt on Reagan's life and expressing hope for the president's recovery.

In his remarks, Gov. Bill Clements called the assassination attempt "a terrible thing."

"I know all of you are as concerned as I am and the vice president. The purpose of the meeting is to offer a prayer for the president," Clements said.

"It's a tragic thing in our country that we have people of unstable mind that create this sort of situation," he said.

"Let me apologize and tell you how sorry Vice President Bush is not to be with us. He has returned to Washington. He had looked forward to being honored, but unfortunately that's not going to be the case."

Dr. Browning Ware, pastor of First Baptist Church of Austin, offered a short prayer to the group.

"Eternal God, our father, you have gotten our attention through a tragedy in the nation," Ware said. "Now we wait before thee. We ask for your healing mercy for our president, Ronald Reagan, and his associates."

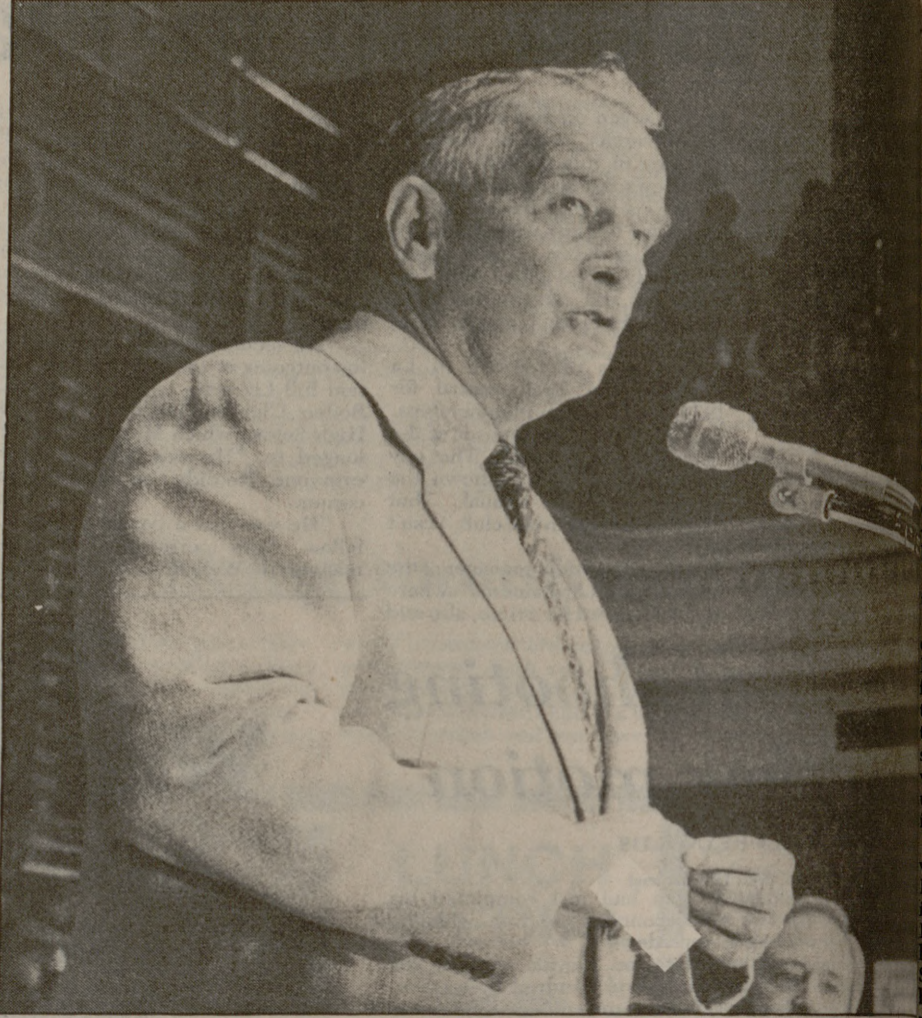


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Texas Gov. Bill Clements describes the president's condition before a packed House chamber Monday afternoon. He had just talked with Vice President George Bush on April 1. House Speaker Bill Clayton, seated, presided over the prayer service.

## Guns bought in Dallas

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DALLAS — On the window of one of the yellow wooden doors to Rocky's Pawn Shop is a sticker that reads: "Guns don't cause crime any more than flies cause garbage."

It was at that pawn shop, in the middle of dozens of others like it on the same street where President John Kennedy was killed, that John Warnock Hinckley Jr. bought two .22-caliber revolvers known as "Saturday night specials" for \$47 each last October.

One of those guns was used Monday to shoot President Reagan and three other men.

Rocky's, located less than a half-mile from where Kennedy was killed nearly 18 years ago, was quiet Monday night.

A Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms transaction record shows Hinckley was in the pawn shop, which advertises itself as a discount headquarters for police equipment, on Oct. 13, 1980.

Pawnbroker Rocky Goldstein said he received a call from Washington asking him to check his records Monday afternoon.

"I'm already getting phone calls from people saying they are gonna blow this place up because I sold the gun," said Goldstein. "Did I

know he was going to shoot the president?"

Authorities apparently are able to quickly trace the cause it was new when Hinckley bought it.

The document shows Hinckley's Texas driver's license identification, with his name listed as Lubbock and his address as Dallas.

Hinckley answered in the affirmative when asked if he was a felon or was a felon.

He responded "no" on the form. He was asked if he had ever been committed to a mental institution, had undergone psychiatric treatment, his family confirmed.

## Hinckley arrested in October

United Press International  
LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Sources in the federal government said Monday that John Hinckley Jr. was arrested in Nashville, Tenn., in October 1980 for trying to board an airplane with several handguns, an Arkansas congressman said.

Rep. Bill Alexander, D-Ark., contacted for reaction to the Reagan shooting, said "my sources" told him of Hinckley's arrest on Oct. 9.

A brief psychiatric study done on Hinckley after his October arrest indicated that he "fit into a pattern similar to those found in people like Arthur Bremer (convicted in the 1972 shooting of Alabama Gov. George Wallace) and Sirhan Sirhan (convicted in the 1968 death of Sen. Robert Kennedy)," Alexander said.

"Definitely criminal," Alexander said.

Although he declined to reveal his source, Alexander called the information "airtight."

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