

Pep talk

Jason Clark, head drum major, talks to members of the band after drill Thursday. The band has been drilling

overtime in preparation for their halftime performance

Clements plans campaign against redistricting board

United Press International AUSTIN — Gov. Bill Clements d Thursday that reapportion-mt plans approved by the gislative Redistricting Board cunfair and that he will actively aign against the four memof the board that voted for

"The Senate redistricting plan as far as Dallas and Tarrant ties are concerned — violates high sense of integrity that I ped would come out of that ard," Clements said, "and I can lyou that the people of Dallas

Clements also said the Hoise plan passed by the board is worse than the one approved by the Legislature. The plan approved by the Legislature was thrown out by the

He predicted that both plans would be contested in court promptly by Democrats and Re-publicans, and that he would encourage such suits even though the state must defend the plans.

Clements also said he thought both plans were unfairly slanted to favor liberals and that there would dTarrant counties are irate over be a price to be paid by the mem- the campaign.

bers of the board who advocated

I said that when the time comes I will make an issue of this in the various campaigns of the individuals involved," Clements said.

The governor said he will campaign against Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, who proposed the Senate plan, and would support the campaign of former Secretary of State George W. Strake, who is challenging Hobby.

However, Clements said he and Strake would not run as a team in



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the five-member panel had to con-clude its deliberations by mid-Unexpected

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Bill for redistricting approved by board

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AUSTIN — Members of the
Legislative Redistricting Board gathered in a nearly empty Senate chamber to sign bills finally approving reapportionment of both houses of the Legislature just 40 minutes before a constitutional

However, at least one member of the panel expressed bitterness Wednesday night over rumors that Republicans unhappy with their treatment by the all-Democratic panel planned to file suit against the House plan.

A suit by Republicans would be "the height of irresponsibility," Attorney General Mark White

"If you look at how fairly they were treated in the House plan, such a suit would be ridiculous," White said. "They want to run to al of a House plan on a 4-1 vote. the courts like little crybabies after they didn't even show up here and tell us want they wanted.

No members of the Republican leadership could be reached immediately to comment on the possibility of a suit.

Political parties are not pro-tected in redistricting by either federal or state law, so any suit would have to be taken on other

grounds, most likely the drafting of minority districts Under constitutional mandate,

Speaker Bill Clayton, Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, Land Commissioner Bob Armstrong and White signed each of the plans and looked on as they were notarized.

Comptroller Bob Bullock, the final member of the board was absent from the proceedings

White, Armstrong and Hobby also signed a statement of facts

In effect, the panel concluded its duties nearly eight hours be-fore the deadline with the approv-

night and turn over the reappor-tionment plans to the secretary of state's office.

Bullock was the only member of the panel to vote against the plan, saying he did not like how rural

districts had been drawn. The board then stood in recess while staff members ran the demographic information through

computers and drew up the bills. The final plan approved for the House is a combination of separate proposals offered by Bullock and

Through a series of amendments, Bullock's plans for districts "I'm just a little reluctant to do it," Clayton said. "We're not in a courthouse yet and I'm not ready to call a fact a fact until it's been proven."

"ments, Bullock's plans for districts in Dallas, Harris, and Bexar counties were added to the plan. The rural and other urban districts were drafted primarily by Clayton.

nine representatives were paired, redistricting parlance for a situation in which two incumbents live in the same district.

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Yarbrough's return undertaken by state

USTIN — A spokesman for Bill Clements said extradipapers seeking the return of ner Texas Supreme Court Jus-Donald B. Yarbrough were er review by state authorities will be forwarded soon to the

S. State Department.

"The very earliest they could transferred up to the State Detent would be Thursday," nan Mark Heckmann said

he extradition papers, preby District Attorney Ronald were carried to the govs office Wednesday and d over to Secretary of State

Yarbrough resigned from office 977 — minutes after the Legre opened proceedings to rewe him from office. He was conted later that year of lying to the avis County grand jury.

Yarbrough lost his appeal of conviction earlier this year d failed to appear for his formal nencing. He left the country out permission while his eal was pending. But the Houston Post reported

lesday that officials on the aribbean Island of Grenada had ed Yarbrough's passport.

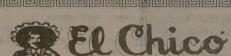
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