

Proposed bill to grant emergency state powers

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AUSTIN — Texas government would continue to function in the event of a nuclear attack if voters adopt a constitutional amendment granting emergency powers to the Legislature and governor, said supporters of a proposal tentatively approved by the House in one of several legislative moves Wednesday.

Rep. Bill Hollowell, the sponsor of the proposed constitutional amendment, said the measure would enable Texas to "remain free" in case of nuclear attack.

But opponents warned the

proposal could give the governor and legislators dangerous and unprecedented powers.

The amendment, which tentatively was approved Tuesday on a 119-17 vote, would allow the Legislature to replace members incapacitated by enemy attack. The governor would be authorized to suspend certain constitutional requirements in case of an attack or "immediate threat" of attack.

The amendment also would allow the governor to convene the Legislature at a secret location outside Austin

and permit legislators to suspend constitutional rules of legislative procedure for up to two years.

Rep. Debra Danburg, D-Houston, questioned whether the continuation of the Legislature would be a prime concern in the event of nuclear war.

In other action Tuesday, the House formally approved a bill to prohibit full-time, salaried judges of state courts of record from accepting donations or charging fees for marriages they perform during business hours in a county courthouse.

South's gain is confirmed

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WASHINGTON — The South gained nearly 2 million people as a result of migration from 1975-80, with most of the new residents leaving the industrial north for a new life in the Sunbelt.

A Census Bureau report released Tuesday shows 4.7 million Americans moved to the South in the late 1970s. Meanwhile, 2.7 million people moved out of the South to other regions. The net gain of nearly 2 million was unsurpassed by any other region, exceeding the West by 900,000.

A majority of the new Southerners — 3.2 million of them — moved into the south Atlantic states, and more than half of those, 1.8 million, became Floridians.

Some 364,450 of those came

to Florida from New York. Another 134,150 moved from New Jersey and 135,219 previously hailed from Ohio.

Georgia and Tennessee are the only other Southeastern states with a net gain of more than 100,000 people.

Some 581,553 moved to Georgia — most of them from other Southern states, while 450,430 moved out.

Tennessee took in 450,858 newcomers, and 347,872 Tennesseans relocated.

In the Southwest, Texas gained 574,007 people over the five years, taking in 1.4 million while more than 800,000 left.

More than 80,000 New Yorkers made the Lone Star State their new home, as did 77,000 from Illinois and 61,000 from Ohio. Ironically, 81,000 Floridians bucked the trend, moving

to Texas, as did 86,000 former residents of Louisiana and 75,000 ex-Oklahomans.

Oklahoma was the only other Southwestern state to record a large net gain as a result of migration, a total of 116,818.

Only two south Atlantic states — Delaware and Maryland — suffered losses in population due to migration, as did the District of Columbia.

Virginia, West Virginia and the Carolinas all recorded net increases, though West Vir-

nia's was just 5,289.

Of the four-state region that includes Kentucky, Alabama, Tennessee and Mississippi, only Mississippi suffered a loss, a decrease of 2,210 people.

Arkansas and Louisiana enjoyed migration-based population increases, but they were not nearly as large as neighboring Texas and Oklahoma.

Overall, nearly half of all Americans 5 or older — almost 94 million in all — moved during the period.

Chrysler shows new cars to catch the younger crowd

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DALLAS — Chrysler Corp. is showing off a group of 1984 cars that it hopes will increase its share of the automobile market, but Chairman Lee Iacocca said unless consumer interest rates drop to under 10 percent there will be no boom.

At a news conference, Iacocca said larger cars are selling well.

"But the little cars — the mass market cars — are really going begging," he said.

"There is still a lot of fear out there. There is still a lot of uncertainty out there."

Among the cars shown Tuesday by Chrysler in Dallas were a convertible with a rumble seat and a two-seater Mercedes look-alike.

"The two-passenger convertible has turned so many people on that we're going to be forced to build the darn thing," Iacocca said. "We thought it would be a show car. But Beverly Hills went over it."

He said the company intended to capture a greater share of the 18-to-34 year old

age group where it has not done so well.

Mixing comment on the national economy with his automobile sales pitch, Iacocca called unemployment a sad situation.

Iacocca said there will be no car market boom until federal deficits and consumer interest rates come down. He also called for imposition of a \$5 per barrel

oil import fee.

Last weekend Chrysler announced a new 9.8 percent finance plan. Customers who pay cash instead of taking the 9.8 interest rate will get a rebate or cash certificate worth from \$300 to \$750 from Chrysler.

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