

House rejects bill

Limited alimony opposed

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AUSTIN — A test vote in the House showed strong opposition Tuesday to a Senate-approved bill that would allow limited alimony in Texas, now the only state that bars alimony.

The bill's only hope might be a strong lobbying effort by Texas women, said Rep. Bob Bush, D-Sherman, an alimony supporter.

"I think it's cultural," Bush said of the opposition. "We are the macho-man state, and macho men don't like open container laws and they don't like child support."

Texas now allows child support payments, but not alimony.

"We're working upstream," Bush said. "But there are some ladies who comprise part of the populace, so I have a feeling it's a fair fight. They may put enough pressure on these House members to help me out a little bit."

Also Tuesday, the House tentatively approved measures to allow longer prison terms for inmates convicted more than once and to allow

judges to end parent-child relations in cases where a child's sibling was abused by the parent.

Bush drew boos by merely mentioning "spousal maintenance," legislative jargon for alimony. The Senate plan would allow alimony payments of up to \$1,500 a month, but only in marriages that lasted at least 10 years.

"I wanted to test the water on it," said Bush, who found it "very chilly."

"That tells me there's a lot of opposition to voting on it, to even getting it out of committee. The House is discouraging me from proceeding on it as a high-priority item," he said.

Belton Rep. Bill Messer won 57-12 tentative approval for his bill to allow judges to terminate a parent's legal relations with a child if that parent had criminally mistreated another child.

Rep. Smith Gilley, D-Greenville, fought the bill, which faces another House vote.

"You don't convict someone of robbing a bank in Dallas because he

robbed one in Austin," said Gilley. "We're assuming because a person has done something wrong he is going to do it repeatedly. That is not right."

In a 106-32 vote, the House advanced San Antonio Rep. Dan Morales' bill that would bar the Board of Pardons and Paroles from treating consecutive sentences as concurrent sentences.

For example, the board now treats five 10-year sentences as one 50-year sentence. That means that a convict could be released after serving one-third of the 50 years.

Under the Morales' bill, the inmate would not be eligible for parole until he or she became eligible on the last sentence.

Rep. Tom Uher, D-Bay City, opposed that as unreasonable and potentially damaging to already crowded prisons. But Morales, a former Bexar County prosecutor, said the parole system subverts the decisions of judges and juries by treating consecutive sentences as concurrent.

Senate tentatively OKs bill to curb glue, paint-sniffing

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AUSTIN — The Senate on Tuesday tentatively approved a bill assailed by one opponent as "two steps backward" in the state's effort to curb glue-and paint-sniffing by teenagers.

Sponsor Bob Glasgow, D-Stephenville, said the bill was a compromise by many parties but did not include the Governor's Task Force on Inhalant Abuse.

"They don't want to make any changes in the law," said Glasgow, who also sponsored the original proposal passed by the Legislature in 1983. His new proposal needs a final vote to go to the House.

He said the "War on Drugs" bill was designed to take dangerous inhalants "out of the hands of children" but it takes it out of the hands of everybody.

White said at that time current estimates of inhalant abusers in Texas ranged from 30,000 in El Paso to 13,000 under-age 21 in Houston to 3,000 minors and adults in San Antonio.

The problem, White said, was concentrated among minors in low-income communities, many of them predominantly Hispanic.

Glasgow said prosecutors cannot enforce the 1983 law because it is vague and ambiguous, but Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, said since the law was enacted, deaths from inhalant abuse have declined.

Sen. Cyndi Krier, R-San Antonio, said no lives had been lost as a result of inhalant abuse since the law went into effect, compared with 17 deaths in the previous year and a half.

Glasgow described the current law as a "lock up" law, and Whitmire re-

sponded, "I realize it's an inconvenience to merchants, but I submit to you the greater good is served."

Glasgow said, "You can't keep items under lock and key. How are you going to do it?"

Whitmire said Glasgow's bill for "restricted display" of glue and aerosol paints would "open the door to added abuse."

Glasgow said the bill was never intended as a "lock up" bill.

Instead, a business would maintain "controlled" exits from where glues and paints are sold. Controls would include store employees near the area or an electronic device through which a customer would have to pass.

"If it ain't broke, why fix it (the law)?" asked Whitmire.

Glasgow responded, "It's broke as hell."

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