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House votes to delay retirement payments

116 senior Texans convene

for Silver-Haired Legislature

AUSTIN (AP) — The House Monday decided to delay payments into state retirement funds and allow re-started, the state would pay them with interest.

The House approved the bill 83the state treasurer to sell "cash management notes" to raise money.

Both bills are part of the Legislature's plan of attack in dealing with the projected \$2.8 billion state bud-

The House on Saturday approved an \$869.2 million temporary tax hike and \$582 million in spending cuts. The tax hike, however, does not go into effect until Jan.1

Rep. Paul Colbert, D-Houston, House sponsor of the retirement payment deferral bill, said, "The tax bill does not mean we don't need this bill. The tax bill does not bring in revenue quickly enough."

Under the deferral plan, state payments into the Teacher Retirement System and Employees Retirement System would be stopped until February. When the payments are

AUSTIN (AP) — Slowed a bit by unfamiliarity with the process, 116 elderly Texans gathered Monday for the state's first Silver-Haired

Legislature to address problems

"You get a group of people over 60 years of age from 116 sections of the state all the way from Beaumont

to Amarillo, Texarkana to

Brownsville, you are going to have differences of opinion," said Raleigh

Jackson of LaGrange, who was

elected speaker of the session that will continue through Thursday. The first floor fight concerned

whether to adjourn or recess at the

end of the opening day's business. Jackson got 79 votes for adjournment until 9 a.m. today. The senior

lawmakers then split up for commit-

Texas is the 23rd state to set up a Silver-Haired Legislature. The group's recommendations will go to the regular Legislature for consider-

"We have been assured by legis-

lators and the governor and lieuten-

ant governor that our presentations will be given serious consideration and will have an influence on their

thinking," Jackson said.

faced by the aged.

The House approved the bill 83-52. It needed 100 votes for immediate effect. Without the 100 votes, the payment deferrals could not start until January. House Speaker Gib Lewis said he might try to have the vote reconsidered today if he can muster the 100 votes.

Rep. Keith Valigura, R-Conroe, said the interest that would be paid by the state exceeds the interest the funds now earn on investments.

Lewis said the bill needs to go into effect immediately, although Comptroller Bob Bullock has said he has a plan that would make sure the state could get by until the new tax money rolls in. The speaker said Bullock's "slow pay plan" could delay payments to the retirement systems without the promise of additional interest when the payments are made.

Gov. Mark White noted in his wel-

coming remarks that 70 percent of

the bills recommended by Silver-

Haired Legislatures in other states

have so much to teach us," White

said. "When you speak, we will lis-

"You, like your fellow seniors,

have become law.

In Advance

A&M symposium to focus on university research effo

Texas A&M will host a symposium Wednesday and Thursday to discuss the state's economy and how reseach can affect it.

Registration for "Shaping the New Economy of Texas" will be conducted Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to hoon at Rudder Exhibit Hall. Registration fee is \$50, but students are welcome to sit in on any session without registering, said Malcolm Richards, associate dean for the College of Business Administration.

The symposium will focus on the importance of university research, he said, with an emphasis on commercial research at A&M that could affect the public. The

get research from the lab people at a faster pace, he sai Chancellor Perry L. Adk will open the symposium 9 an Wednesday. Volu

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The first session, "Resear Why?" begins at 9:15 a.m. Merator for the session will Norm Hackerman. Panelist a Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby and Pete

O'Donnell. The symposium has 13 session scheduled. Each session has

moderator and several panelis Other panelists include Sen. Kent Caperton, state R Richard Smith, and San Anton Mayor Henry Cisneros.

Subliminal advertisements to be MSC program topic

this paper be sexually exciting

Dr. Wilson Bryan Key will speak Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in 201 Memorial Student Center on his theory that some advertise-ments are subliminally seducing consumers into buying products.

Key's theory, a controversial topic among the advertising and psychology communities, has been the subject of articles in the magazines Psychology Today and

Key will present a multimedia

An admission fee of \$1 will

Key has written several boincluding "Subliminal Solution," "Media Sexploitation" a 'The Clam-Plate Orgy."

Robert Kowert of the M Great Issues committee side program should last about hour and a half and will be lowed by a question-and-ar

Accusations fly when candidates give joint speech to educators

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Gov. Mark White and former Gov. Bill Clements, stumping for support from educators, blasted each other Monday for not doing enough for public éducation.

Addressing a convention of Texas school boards and administrators, White and Clements each took credit for implementing legislative measures to deal with teacher pay increases, student discipline and local control of school districts.

Clements, speaking first to the crowd of about 2,100, said that the education reform bill passed in 1984 needs work, especially in the area of the controversial "no-pass, no-play"

"It's a great step forward for Texas, but (it) needs fine tuning," Clements said.

"As I review House Bill 72, I see that Mark White has flunked the course and should not be allowed to

White, a Democrat who defeated Clements in 1982, said that his administration has been working on improving education matters that Clements destroyed.

"We've had so many difficult chal-lenges to overcome," White said. "It's been tough on everyone.

Clements said he was ins spending 51 percent of the budget on education and m White for wanting to cut ed and raise taxes during the state cal crisis.

Clements said raising tax not necessarily the solution.
"I have told Mark White
many a podium that he is sift
from a Mondale mentality, no

tax, tax, spend, spend," he said White praised the legi working to pass a tax bill in the ond special session and said a ents has yet to produce a planto

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