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New task force will offer ideas for changes in welfare system

AUSTIN (AP) — Declaring that the state owes citizens help in finding jobs, Gov. Bill Clements created a new task force Tuesday to recommend ways of overhauling the Texas welfare system.

"We have a moral obligation to help every man and every woman who wants a job to have a job, a good job, a job with a future, a job in the private sector," Clements said.

However, the governor said the current welfare system hasn't worked.

"The fact is the welfare system has not performed to the expectations of anyone — liberal or conservative, recipient or taxpayer, deliverer of the programs or just an observer of the system," he said.

Clements appointed Houston oilman Rob Mosbacher to head

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the 10-member task force that will examine the welfare system and make recommendations before the 1989 Legislature goes to work. The other members will be named within 10 days, he said.

Speaking to the Texas Association of Private Industry Councils, Clements said the task force would seek to increase cooperation among state welfare agencies, operate pilot programs designed to reduce the number of people who return to welfare, encourage volunteer groups to sup-

port families receiving aid for dependent children and recommend changes in the law to break the employment-unemployment cycle.

"When all is said and done," Clements said, "helping people find work, hold a job, build a career, become self-supporting, be independent men and women striving to make their dreams become reality, is what we're all about."

Mosbacher said he is particularly concerned about people re-

turning to welfare only months after obtaining a job and getting off public assistance.

"We're going to look particularly at how we can do a better job of not only putting people to work but keeping them there," Mosbacher said.

"A large part of the problem is these people take jobs and in a matter of four to six months are back on welfare," he said. "We're going to focus on how you keep them in the workforce. We're interested in moving them off welfare and into the workforce permanently."

Clements said the time is right to reform the welfare system because the state's economy is growing and unemployment rates are going down.

Hance: Government should talk with OPEC to seek stable oil prices

VIENNA (AP) — The U.S. government should open direct talks with OPEC in the interests of seeking stable oil prices, Texas Railroad Commissioner Kent Hance said Tuesday.

Hance, one of three members of the commission that regulates the state's oil production, was meeting privately with officials from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and independent oil exporting nations.

"The main thing is to establish a dialogue," he said in an interview.

Texas oil wells pump about 2 million barrels a day, more than most OPEC countries.

Hance has criticized the Reagan administration for its hands-off approach to the oil market.

"For us to take the approach to bury our heads in the sand... is the wrong approach," Hance said, adding, "That doesn't mean we'll have an alliance with OPEC."

The United States never has held direct talks with OPEC although it has discussed oil market matters with individual cartel member governments, including Saudi Arabia. The Reagan administration's view is that governments should not be involved in setting oil prices.

Hance said he intended to meet with Rilwanu Lukman, who is the OPEC president and oil minister of Nigeria. On Monday he met with members of the OPEC secretariat staff, including Fadhil al-Chalabi, the deputy secretary general.

He declined to be specific about what he thought OPEC and non-member oil producing nations could do to stabilize prices, which have fallen sharply in recent years.

"There may be times that you'll have mutual ideas that you'll pursue separately," he said.

Hance said U.S. reliance on foreign oil was likely to increase from the current 40 percent of total supplies to 65 percent by 1992.

It's necessary to try to have some input into the deliberations of OPEC

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and other oil exporting countries, he said.

Hance has been criticized by members of the Reagan administration for coming to Vienna to talk with OPEC officials. Energy Secretary John Herrington said during the weekend that Hance was allowing himself to be used by OPEC.

Five OPEC oil ministers were to meet Tuesday night with representatives of Mexico, Egypt, China and five other independent oil-producing countries to discuss possible joint action aimed at propping up oil prices.

Hance was not invited to the meeting, but he and officials from Norway and the Canadian provincial government of Alberta were in Vienna to hold private meetings with individual OPEC officials.

Hance said he did not have the authority to commit the Texas Railroad Commission to any specific actions regarding oil production levels. He said he would report back to the two other members of the commission and to Gov. Bill Clements.

Clements says Legislature, not courts, should solve school finance problem

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Bill Clements said Tuesday the Legislature — not the courts — should solve problems that led a judge to declare the current state school finance system unconstitutional.

"We do not want our public school system to get into the hands of our state courts," Clements said. "That's just unacceptable."

"The only way we can cure that is to go through the legislative process with a constitutional amendment and keep the responsibility for our public school system in the Legislature where it belongs."

State District Judge Harley Clark ruled earlier that the system unconstitutionally short-

changes districts with lower property wealth. The state is appealing.

Clements' comments came as legislative leaders, including Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, were being briefed on a proposal by Comptroller Bob Bullock to help bail the state out of its school financing dilemma.

While Bullock hasn't publicly released details, sources say the plan includes a proposal to use about \$600 million in bond proceeds to finance new facilities in school districts with low property wealth.

The proposal also calls for guaranteeing a minimum level of state funding for school districts that tax homeowners and busi-

nesses at the state average, an idea sources said still would allow wealthier districts to pump more money into their schools if they choose to do so.

The plan also suggests using money from the state Permanent School Fund to purchase construction bonds issued by local school districts, reducing financing costs and making money available for other uses.

Hobby called Bullock's proposals a good starting place for lawmakers and a plan that should meet requirements of Judge Clark's ruling.

"I think he's made an enormous contribution," Hobby said. "I think it's very good thinking."

He's done his usual very fine piece of work."

Clements said Tuesday he hasn't seen Bullock's plan and wouldn't comment on it. The governor's staff was briefed on Monday by Bullock.

During a brief question-and-answer session with news reporters, Clements said he believes the Legislature has sought to improve public education and would keep doing so if free of court control.

He said federal court intervention on the state prison system and state mental health system shows the need to keep public school financing under legislative control.

Correction

A story in Tuesday's issue of *The Battalion* incorrectly reported the dates of the Red Cross campus blood drive. The Red Cross Blood Drive will be held today through Friday.

Individuals who donated on the last day of the Wadley Blood Drive will be able to donate on the last day of the Red Cross drive. The Red Cross requires 56 days between blood donations.

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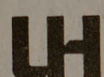


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