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# House expecting Texan to move up into top GOP spot

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Bill Archer of Houston is poised to move into one of the most powerful GOP positions in the House as ranking Republican on the Ways and Means Committee, taking the place of Rep. John Duncan, who died late Tuesday.

House Republicans must still approve Archer's ascension in the powerful tax-writing committee, but officials said Wednesday that should not pose any problem for the 60-year-old Houston native.

A vote could be taken as early as next week, said a spokesman for House Republican Leader Bob Michel, R-Ill.

Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, said Archer should have "no trouble" gaining the necessary approval. "He is very highly respected and deservedly so."

The rise to ranking minority member puts Archer at the forefront of debate on such issues as raising taxes, welfare programs and Social Security, and foreign trade.

The move also automatically puts Archer in the leadership circle of the Republican Party on Capitol Hill — the first time since at least the Civil War that a Texan has been a member of that group, Gramm said.

When the group meets, Archer said, "I will be sitting within the room and the voice of Texas will be heard in that regard for the first time in the history of the United States."

And as long as there is a Republican president, Archer will be among GOP leaders attending strategy sessions at the White House.

"When the leadership goes down

to meetings with the White House, the voice of Texas will be heard more strongly within the walls of the White House," Archer said. "Responsibilities and opportunities for influence extend beyond the Ways and Means Committee."

Archer will be joining several other Texans in positions of power in Congress, including House Speaker Jim Wright of Fort Worth, Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, Rep. Jack Brooks, a Beaumont Democrat and chairman of the House Government Operations Committee, and Rep. Kika de la Garza, a Mission Democrat who is chairman of the House Agriculture Committee.

"Certainly, it means in so far as Republican leadership on committee is concerned, I have an opportunity to do even more to work for the best interests of Texas and the country," Archer said. "As we move along the ability to focus in on the things that are helpful to Texas has been enhanced."

Gramm said, "Clearly, the Ways and Means Committee is a powerful committee with broad jurisdiction, and it's very much to our benefit. Bill Archer is a very able member of Congress. "It helps (Texas) because we will have a Texan in a very key position on the Ways and Means Committee. . . . That will enhance our ability to have our concerns heard on issues such as energy and those issues that tend to be regional in nature."

One of those issues is repeal of the windfall profits tax on oil, and Gramm said Archer's new position could strengthen those efforts.

# Local Briefs

## Professor helps find toxin disposal

By Joe Segovia Reporter

A&M research professor Donald T. Sawyer has helped discover a new disposal method for polychlorinated biphenyls that does not create the highly toxic dioxin resulting from other methods. Sawyer said using a special form of oxygen to destroy PCBs, a toxic chemical, could become available commercially as soon as the fall of 1989.

The problem with PCBs is a historical problem, Sawyer said. PCBs, now banned, were used in the 1930s as heat exchangers in electric transformers by utility companies.

Through studies on mice and rats, the destruction of PCBs has created toxins linked with birth defects and cancer in humans.

"Our process as far as I can tell is the first one that completely degrades PCBs but does not produce dioxins," Sawyer said.

Dr. Stephen Safe, of the College of Veterinary Medicine, said the "mildly toxic" PCBs have shown no significant increase in cancer to humans. Safe said PCBs, found particularly in the workplace, appear to not be a severe.

Sawyer began experimenting with superoxide ions (molecular oxygen with an additional electron) 20 years ago, with his research group and three other groups around the world.

"In the last year, we (research group) observed that if you combine superoxide ions with polychlorinated biphenyls, or PCBs, they went through a whole series of steps," Sawyer said. "Ultimately, the result was bicarbonate ion (or baking soda) and sodium chloride ion, which is the equivalent of table salt."

Incineration, a less expensive method for the destruction of PCBs, creates dioxin, another highly toxic substance.

## B-CS officials declare 'War on Drugs'

By Norma Jean Wilson Reporter

A "War on Drugs" has been declared by city council members from both Bryan and College Station.

To help fight this war, the two city councils created a joint Committee for the War on Drugs. To increase involvement in the problem, the committee in turn created a subcommittee of eight citizens — five from Bryan and three from College Station.

The subcommittee is evaluating existing drug abuse programs in the fields of law enforcement, education and treatment to determine which programs are meeting the needs of the community.

The subcommittee will submit

a written report on Sept. 1 to both city councils with specific recommendations for the implementation of drug abuse programs in the community.

After both city councils have evaluated the recommendations, they will meet with the committee and the subcommittee to implement the program.

The Committee for the War on Drugs encourages citizens from the community to get involved.

"Public awareness is vital if we are going to deal with drug abuse realistically," said Lynn McMillane, one of the committee members.

Citizens interested in getting involved should contact either the Bryan or College Station city councils.

# Federal aid for thrifts almost \$90 million

DALLAS (AP) — Two ailing Texas thrifts were taken over Wednesday by an Arizona savings bank after Federal Home Loan Bank Board officials guaranteed \$83.9 million in assistance to complete the transaction, a part of the Southwest Plan.

MeraBank Federal Savings and Loan, with \$6.4 billion in assets, took over First Financial — A Savings Association, based in El Paso; and Brownfield Federal Savings and Loan Association in Brownfield. MeraBank, based in Phoenix, Ariz., is the largest thrift institution in that state and the 25th largest in the United States.

First Financial has seven branches in El Paso, three in Amarillo, two in Lubbock, one in Canyon, and one in Pampa. Brownfield Federal has no branches.

The transaction was the third under the terms of the Southwest Plan, which aims to consolidate and recapitalize Texas' savings and loan industry.

MeraBank, which already has seven branches in Texas, is contributing \$8.8 million in new capital to the deal to acquire First Financial, with \$330 million in assets, and Brownfield, with \$40 million.

MeraBank also agreed to acquire a third major insolvent Texas thrift later this year as part of the transaction. It is forming a separate subsidiary, MeraBank Texas, to hold the three Texas institutions.

The subsidiary will be based in El Paso with administrative headquarters in Dallas. Bank board officials said they expect MeraBank Texas to

consolidate all its operations in Texas within six to nine months.

MeraBank officials still don't know how much in outstanding loans they will have to write off, said Arthur Gonzalez, president of MeraBank's Texas division.

He said officials have not yet inventoried the two thrifts' loan portfolios and are unsure how many employees they have inherited from the ailing thrifts.

"This acquisition . . . was a little unusual in what we agreed to do with the Federal Home Loan Bank Board without lots of information," Gonzalez said.

"We had to diversify ourselves," said Gene Rice, chairman and chief executive officer of MeraBank. "Any time a bank has all its eggs in one basket, it can get in trouble. Our long-term objective is to have 20 percent of our bank in Arizona, 20 percent in Texas and the balance in other places."

The Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corp., which insures S&L deposits up to \$100,000, will hold warrants for 20 percent of the subsidiary's stock, officials said.

First Financial and Brownfield are the ninth and 10th savings and loan cases resolved by federal regulators in Texas this year, while 40 nationwide have been resolved.

The state's institutions, hard hit by slumps in the oil industry and real estate valuations, accounted for \$3 billion of the industry's \$3.8 billion loss in the first three months of this year.

Regulators say 133 of Texas' 279 thrifts are in-

solvent under generally accepted accounting rules. The bank board hopes to reduce the number of savings and loans in Texas by about 25 this year.

Bank board Chairman M. Danny Wall of MeraBank's expansion in Texas, "will be in Texas, the thrift industry and FSLIC."

Rice called the transaction "a tremendous time-consuming process."

"They (FHLB) didn't just walk out there with a tray full of fruit and let us pick our fruit," Rice said. "We had to work together."

The third thrift to be acquired by MeraBank which is based in Phoenix, Ariz., would create deal worth about \$1 billion, he said.

Thrift industry officials said a \$1.2 billion at Sunbelt Savings Association of Dallas losses by Texas' savings and loans to \$3.5 billion during the first three months of 1988.

Analysts and industry officials said the loss were not unexpected. But House Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs Committee Chairman Fernand J. St Germain, D-R.I., said Tuesday's report raises "extremely serious questions about the rosy scenarios being peddled by the Federal Home Loan Bank Board."

Operating losses for the 477 institutions in five states served by the Dallas office of the board widened during the first quarter of 1988 to \$1.1 billion from \$623 million in 1987.

Non-operating losses, primarily funds-aside to cover non-performing assets, increased to \$2.8 billion from \$609 million.

# Prisoners disappointed, fearful over courts' death penalty ruling

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Stunned and disappointed death row inmates said executions are imminent — perhaps as early as this week — in the wake of Wednesday's U.S. Supreme Court ruling upholding the capital punishment law in Texas.

"Look over and there might be a black cloud out there," Raymond Kinnaman, a death row inmate, said, pointing to the row's wings at the Texas Department of Corrections Ellis I Unit.

The high court, in a 6-3 decision, said convicted killer Donald Gene Franklin of San Antonio properly was sentenced to death for the 1975 abduction-slaying of nurse Peggy Moran.

Attorneys for Franklin contended jurors improperly were not allowed to consider any mitigating circumstances in sentencing Franklin, one of more than 270 inmates on death row in Texas.

Since the high court agreed to hear the case late last year, only one inmate, Robert Streetman, was put to death. Dozens more, however, used the pending Franklin case to obtain stays of execution.

"I'm dead now," convicted killer Calvin Williams said Wednesday after learning of the ruling. "Ain't no doubt about it. That was my last hope."

Williams in February came within two hours of lethal injection before the Supreme Court, citing the Franklin matter, issued a stay.

"I kind of figured it was going to happen," Williams said. "About 50

of us have gotten stays on Franklin. I figure I'll be going back to get a date set."

Convicted killer Fletcher Mann, who faces lethal injection early Saturday, was a likely candidate to die because his appeals are exhausted, inmates said. Before Wednesday's ruling, a stay was a virtual certainty.

"If it's going to happen, it's going to happen," Mann, 27, said, of the possibility of his execution.

Many inmates believed the Franklin case, the most serious challenge to the Texas death penalty law in several years, would result in a ruling favorable to them and commutations of their sentences to life.

Inmate Jim Vanderbilt said, "I feel like an idiot having put my hopes in the court. This is a bitter disappointment. It's not easy seeing your friends hauled off to be killed."

James Beathard, another death row resident, said, "I'm afraid they'll try to get as many as they can before the next issue comes up."

Franklin refused to be interviewed Wednesday.

His attorney, Mark Stevens, said he likely would seek a rehearing for Franklin but that the high court rarely granted such motions.

"We were disappointed, obviously," Stevens said. "We'll investigate whether there are any more claims that need to be claimed."

Stevens said he doubted whether the pace of executions would quicken, since Justices Sandra Day O'Connor and Harry A. Blackmun

voted to uphold the Texas death penalty law, but for different reasons.

"What they said was, 'We think the four judges are right in this case.' It leaves open: What about the next case?" Stevens said.

"It's two judges that seem to be an open question now," he said. "It's going to have to be a case-by-case analysis of any case pending before the Supreme Court."

Attorney General Jim Mattox, however, said he believed the ruling will clear the way for more executions. Texas already has executed 27 convicted killers, more than any other state since the Supreme Court allowed the death penalty to resume in 1976.

"This case removes another major impediment to carrying out executions in Texas," Mattox said. "We now expect that executions will again move forward in this state."

Gov. Bill Clements, who never has used his authority to halt an execution, said he was pleased with the high court decision.

"I have always believed in the jury's right to sentence a criminal to the death penalty under appropriate circumstances," Clements said, adding that the ruling removed a major obstacle to the proper functioning of the capital punishment statute.

Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, who serves as acting governor when Clements is out of the state, said he would continue to review the cases that came to him.

# Inmate predicts second trial 'far from over'

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Donald Gene Franklin, convicted this month the second time of the slaying of a Texas state trooper, predicted Wednesday it would be months before his case was resolved.

"It's something that's far from over," said Hughes, who turned to death row for the time in 13 months after a jury in City found him guilty of capital murder and sentenced him to death for the 1976 shooting of Mark Proffitt.

"I am not bitter; I am not mad with anyone," Hughes said. "I just give up that hope."

Jurors deliberating last week recommended Hughes be executed by killing Frederick, who was gunned down after he and his wife stopped Hughes in Sealy on a credit card complaint.

"I had the best representation in the world," Hughes said of his second. "I cannot fault my attorneys one inch, one word, one breath."

Hughes said both he and his attorneys agreed that it was best he be tried, something he did not do the first trial.

"We wanted the truth to come out," he said.

Hughes, who gained national fame as a registered nurse and artistic ability, said he would continue his lobby efforts, but would not try to advocate better conditions.