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Clements seeks impeachment of Jim Hightower

AUSTIN (AP) — Governor Bill Clements called Tuesday for state Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower's impeachment, citing published reports that said Hightower's travel and meal expenses are under federal scrutiny.



Hightower

The governor responded to a copyright story in The Dallas Morning News Tuesday that said the U.S. Department of Agriculture is questioning about \$7,000 in expenses Hightower and his top deputy, Mike Moeller, billed to a state and federal crop inspection program.

The state auditor is looking into the expenditures, the newspaper said. Moeller defended the charges. Hightower was said to be traveling in Pennsylvania and would not comment on a pending investigation. "Obviously, (Hightower's) office has been operated on a very loose basis, and I'm being kind when I say 'loose basis,'" Clements told the Associated Press on Tuesday. "Certainly he should reimburse the state, but I think it goes beyond that. . . I think it's an act of continued misbehavior and perhaps we should impeach him," Clements said.

Fergie plans Texas trip

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Britain's "Fergie," the Duchess of York, will spend Saturday night at a remote South Texas ranch near Hebbronville as part of her Texas visit, according to the British consulate general's office in Houston.

Officials said the former Sarah Ferguson will fly from Houston Saturday afternoon to a sprawling ranch owned by Oscar Wyatt, chairman of Coastal Corp., to spend the night. The Duchess of York is five months pregnant and officials at Memorial Medical Center in Corpus Christi were alerted about her visit by State Department representatives.

quasi-governmental agency providing crop inspections to Texas growers.

Moeller defended all of the charges he billed to the inspection service, the newspaper said.

"Each of those charges on my credit card were for business meetings — either Texas-Federal meetings or Texas Department of Agriculture meetings," Moeller said.

Traveling inspectors are supervised by the Texas Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The service is supported by fees from growers.

Federal investigators say many of the bills accrued by Hightower and Moeller seem unrelated to crop inspections.

Andy Welch, a state agriculture department spokesman, said, "There is a widespread belief among the people down here (at the state Agriculture Department) that the USDA is just trying to stir up politics."

Welch said Hightower was in Harrisburg, Pa., to address a farm group and couldn't be reached for comment. He also said Hightower couldn't comment on a pending investigation.

Texas Farm Bureau President S.M. True, whose organization has openly criticized Hightower and his policies, on Tuesday asked USDA Secretary Clayton Yeutter for "a full report on all federal activities" in the Texas Department of Agriculture.

True said it would be "the only way" to resolve questions of political motivation.



Puff pays her bills

Valleri Dietz, a sophomore psychology major from Brenham, gets into the spirit of Halloween by wearing a dragon costume

her mom made. She produces some smiles as she stops off at the fiscal department to pay a bill.

Photo by Mike C. Mulvey

Judge discusses court, philosophy at forum

By Andrea Warrenburg

Of The Battalion Staff

The Texas A&M College Republicans held a forum in Rudder last night featuring Justice Terry Means of the 10th District Court of Appeals and Peter Roussel, former Deputy Press Secretary of the Reagan White House.

Means spoke to the crowd of more than 50 people about the jurisdiction of the district court and his judicial philosophy.

The 10th District Court is located in Waco but has jurisdiction over 16 counties from the Brazos

County to Ellis County. Means was appointed to the bench by Gov. Bill Clements in December 1989 to complete the term of a retiring justice and comes up for his first election next year.

Means said he believes in a strict-constructionist philosophy, which is a strict, literal interpretation of the Constitution and legislative laws.

He also serves on the bench with an anti-technicality philosophy.

"A person is entitled to a fair trial under the Constitution, not a perfect trial," Means said. "Judges and juries cannot rule perfectly. In most

cases where errors occur, they do not contribute to the conviction."

Roussel spoke to the crowd about the media and the presidency. He said the most notable change in the last 25 years has been from print coverage to electronic coverage and that how the press covers the presidency should be looked at with the eye of reform.

Roussel is at A&M to help with University public relations, as special council to help secure the George Bush Presidential Library and as a visiting lecturer in the Department of Journalism.

Detention center estimates damages from riots

EDEN (AP) — Business returned to normal at a private detention facility Tuesday, a day after a riot squad squelched the second inmate protest in five months.

The scene at the Eden Detention Center was starkly different Monday, when violence erupted after inmates and prison officials disagreed about several rule changes.

The inmates broke furniture and security systems and shot off fire extinguishers before order was re-

stored, said Roy Burnes, chief executive officer and owner of the Eden Detention Center. A U.S. Bureau of Prisons spokesman said damage was estimated to be \$10,000.

Bogdan said the inmates destroyed televisions, mattresses and some surveillance equipment.

About 300 prisoners are housed at the private facility, which contracts with the U.S. government to hold federal prisoners.

Two inmates had to be hospital-

ized for minor injuries from the fire the fire extinguishers, Burnes said. But he said no one was seriously hurt.

The demonstration started peacefully as a sit-in by about 200 inmates Sunday. The prisoners were protesting changes in exercise time.

About 75 inmates continued the protest Monday morning, refusing to eat breakfast.

"We had to use physical force to bring them under control," he said.

Burnes said prison officials won't budge on prisoners' demand to abolish control of inmate movement and get access to the recreation yards until midnight. Policy requires inmates to be in their cells by sundown.

Many of the prisoners are illegal aliens serving sentences of less than 18 months for federal crimes, said Greg Bogdan, a Bureau of Prisons spokesman in Washington.

About a dozen inmates who organized the protest have been isolated.

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