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Wheelin' along

Mark Kirk, a junior recreation parks and tourism major from Granbury, speeds by Harrington Tuesday afternoon on his way to class.

House sends concealed-gun bill back to Senate, calls for committee action

□ The author of the concealed-gun bill has voiced objections to House additions of a referendum and other restrictions that he claims is not necessary.

AUSTIN (AP) — The House gave final approval Tuesday to a concealed-gun bill that would allow Texans to vote on the issue. But the bill's author vowed to remove the referendum or fight to kill his own legislation.

"I would not be supportive of the bill if it had a referendum," Sen. Jerry Patterson, R-Pasadena, said after the House returned the bill to the Senate on a voice vote.

Patterson said he would reject House changes and call for a House-Senate conference committee to work out differences.

"You don't have referendums on the First Amendment, the Second Amendment, the Fourth Amendment or the Fifth Amendment," Patterson said. "It's not subject to a popularity contest."

The bill, which would allow Texans to be licensed to carry concealed guns, easily passed the Senate in March but faced a tougher time in the House.

The measure was amended during an almost nine-hour debate Monday to make it more restrictive and to allow Texans to vote on the issue in November.

The statewide referendum would be nonbinding, meaning it would not affect the bill's implementation should it become law.

"This is about as disingenuous as you can get," Patterson said. "Many of the folks who voted for that referendum are folks who didn't have the courage just to vote 'no' on final passage because of

fear of political repercussions, so they're trying to give themselves some cover.

"That's not the way to do business," he said. Rep. Sherri Greenberg, who sponsored the referendum amendment, said opinion polls have shown the public is divided on the issue and that vote therefore, should be able to vote on it.

She acknowledged that a vote against the gun bill — even in a nonbinding referendum — could carry the weight needed to change lawmakers' minds.

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There's no way to tell whether House and Senate conferees will approve the referendum, which was narrowly adopted by the House, 74-70.

Patterson also objected to additional restrictions that the House added to the bill, including raising the number of required training hours for permit applicants from 10 to 15 hours between 15 and 30 hours.

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Senate votes for tuition fee increases

□ The measure allows continuation of fee increases at public university systems.

AUSTIN (AP) — Legislation to raise tuition at public universities and allow them to increase various fees was passed unanimously Tuesday by the Texas Senate.

The measure would continue a \$2 per semester-hour annual increase in undergraduate tuition for Texas residents until fiscal year 2001, when it would hit \$40 per hour.

The bill also directs that tuition for students from outside Texas be raised to the level charged by the other five most populous states. That would mean

an increase from \$171 per semester hour to an estimated \$222.

The measure would allow the state Higher Education Coordinating Board to set a lower tuition rate for nonresident students if petitioned by an institution within 100 miles of Texas' border with another state.

State law already allows for in-state tuition rates to be charged to Mexican citizens who attend border institutions, Bivins said. The bill would add Texas A&M University in Kingsville to that program.

Law school tuition also would be raised under the bill, which earlier passed the House and returns to that chamber for consideration of Senate changes.

Resident law school students would pay \$75 per hour, up

from \$60, while those from out of state would see an increase from \$150 to \$200.

The bill also would allow universities to raise tuition for optometry and pharmacy students.

In addition, Bivins' bill includes authorization for fee increases by various universities, with limits. For example, a fee may require a student vote to take effect or be tied to tuition rates.

The bill would allow Texas A&M University to raise the medical services fee; Texas Tech University to raise the university center fee; the University of Texas at Austin to charge \$1 per semester fee for a Martin Luther King Jr. statue and scholarship program; and all public universities to raise their building use fees.

Chairman claims embargo will harm Texas economy

□ The Railroad Commission Chairman says a U.S. embargo against Iran will cost Texans' their jobs.

AUSTIN (AP) — The U.S. trade embargo against Iran will hurt some Texas companies and likely cost more Texans than Iranians their jobs, says the chairman of the state agency that regulates the oil and gas industry.

Texas Railroad Commission Chairman Barry Williamson said Tuesday that Iran shouldn't have any trouble finding new buyers for its oil, which he said has accounted for about 7 percent of daily U.S. consumption.

"It's not going to hurt Iran, but it's going to hurt some businesses in Texas," Williamson said. "We'll lose more jobs than they will."


On Monday, the United States urged other nations to sever commercial ties with Iran and join the United States in the embargo, meant to punish Tehran for sup-

porting terrorism and purchasing nuclear weapons.

Williamson, a Republican, said a better plan would be for Clinton, a Democrat, to work with other countries and through the United Nations before making a unilateral move "that only hurt us."

What likely will happen, said, is that other nations purchase oil the United States had been buying from Iran. The U.S. will wind up purchasing oil from Saudi Arabia and Iranian oil producers.

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Student Parking Garage Information

This year students are not required to renew their parking garage privileges. PTTS will be automatically renewing students who meet the following requirements:

- * are enrolled in Fall '95 classes no later than July 1, 1995
- * are on the housing list no later than July 1, 1995

Fees will be charged the first week of September.

Students who are not enrolled and/or are not on the housing list by July 1, 1995 will be dropped from their parking garage assignment and access card deactivated on August 20, 1995.

Graduation News:

Handicap parking will be available for graduation on Joe Rount and PA 37 for vehicles displaying handicap designation.

Fall Parking Permit News:

Student parking permits and bus passes purchased for the fall of 1995 are valid through May 31, 1996. Students who preregister for parking permits and bus passes before July 1, 1995, will receive them in the mail on or around August 10. Please verify your address with the Fiscal Department.

The price of parking permits has changed from what is listed in the registration booklets due to the approval of price changes made by the Board of Regents. The new prices listed below will be effective Fall '95.

Option Code	Types of Permits and Prices
10	Commuter Student.....\$75
30	Resident Student.....\$75
09	Night Permit.....\$35
12	Motorcycle/Moped.....\$35
	Summer Permit (Effective Summer '96).....\$55
	Faculty/Staff (Reserved Lot).....\$100
	Faculty/Staff (Reserved Number Space).....\$200
	Garage Roof.....\$180
	Garage (Inside).....\$240
	Garage (Priority).....\$270
	Zachry Basement.....\$270
15	Bus Pass.....\$110*

*Students may obtain a free night permit if a bus pass is purchased.

Summer Parking Permit News:

May 15 - 19 - Students who preregister before May 1, 1995, for summer parking permits or bus passes will receive them in the mail.

May 25 - 31 - Student permits and bus passes may be picked up from the PTTS cashiers in the Rudder Tower lobby between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday - Friday.

Option Code **Cost of Summer Parking Permits:**

15	Bus Pass.....\$55
32	Summer Student Parking.....\$20
12	Motorcycle/Moped.....\$11.72
09	Night Parking.....\$15

*Parking permits and bus passes purchased for the summer are valid through August 27, 1995. Summer permits are non-refundable. Bus passes are non-refundable in Summer Term II. During Summer Term I, the bus pass refund is \$27.50.

Visitor Garage Parking:

Visitor Parking per Hour.....\$.60 Visitor Parking per Day.....\$4.80

*This will be effective in the 1995 Fall Term.

PARKING NEWS:

May 5 - 6 - The garage will be reserved for a conference.

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