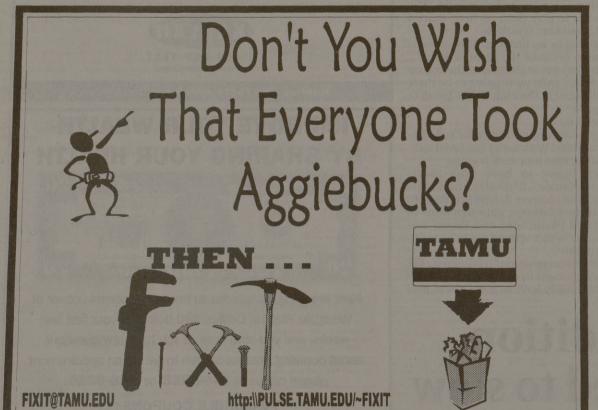


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## Lawmakers look at constitutional

AUSTIN (AP) — Hundreds of amendments have been hung on proved 12 more constitutional the Texas Constitution since it was written in 1876. Now two top lawmakers are looking at proposing the biggest one of all: a rewrite of the document that lays out the state's fundamental laws and principles.

"I guess every time we have one of these elections where we have 15 or 20 amendments, it raises the consciousness that we ought to have an instrument that we can do better with," Senate Finance Committee Chair Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, said Wednesday.

Ratliff said he and Rep. Robert Junell, head of the House Appropriations Committee, are working

Voters earlier this month apamendments, including a proposal to remove a reference to "idiots and lunatics." That makes 377 amendments since the constitution was adopted.

Critics, including the League of trim the document to a basic framework like the U.S. Constitution. which has only 27 amendments.

While officials in a 1974 constitutional convention failed to produce a revised document for voters' approval, Ratliff said a different approach is being mulled this time.

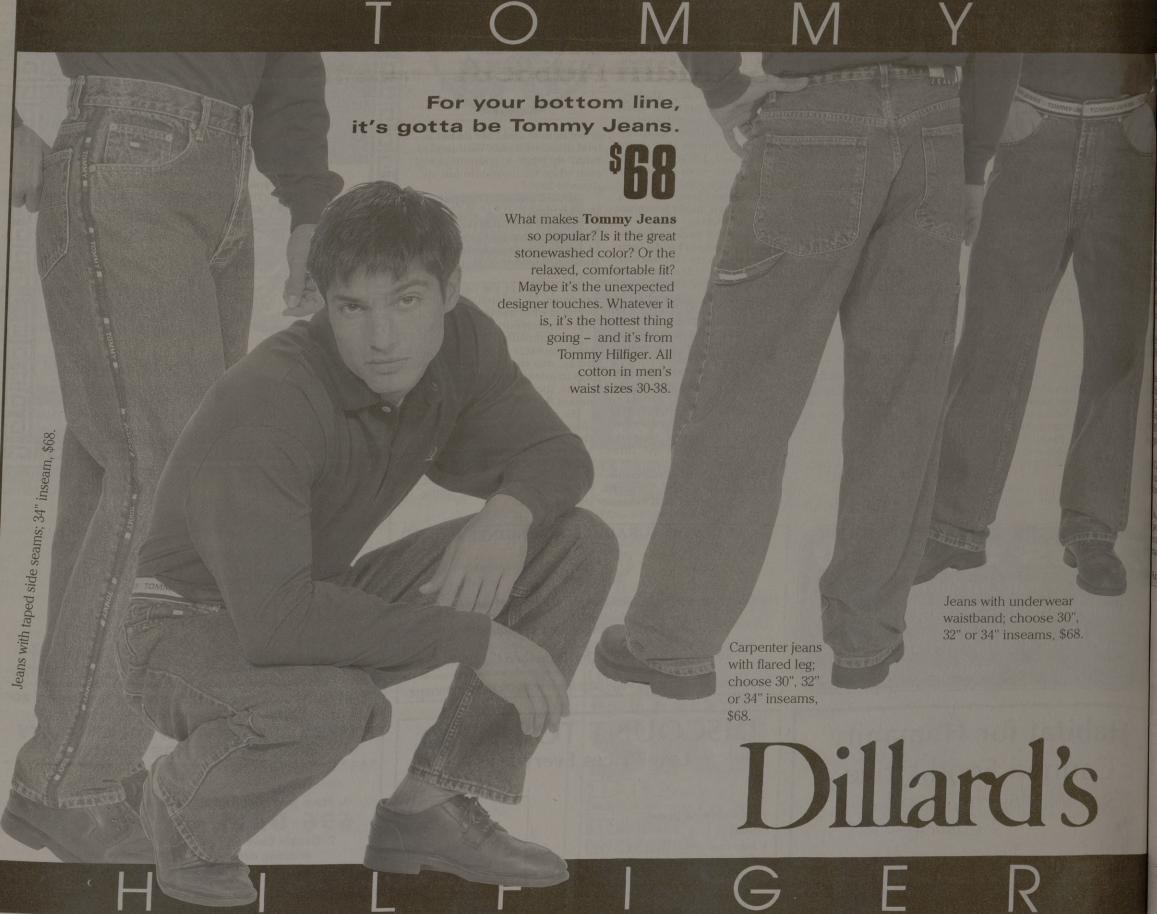
Officials would skip the convention, instead allowing lawmakers to offer a proposed constitutually be a wholesale re lawmakers approved, theq

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"I'm not sure the convention was the reason succeed, but I think right now if we can lay it out and let eve poke holes in it," Ratliff said

"I don't know that this is

Junell, D-San Angelo, mediately return a tele from The Associated Pres gelo State University to help on a proposed new const



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