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BY: WILL LLOYD

Dispute

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representative of the state of Texas as far as voting trends, that protects our minority districts, that protects our communities of interest and stop playing the Iranian cab driver negotiations where you get what you want then you start adding two or three other requests," Dewhurst said.

Craddick did not give details of the West Texas design he referred to, but continued to balk at one proposal pitched by Senate negotiators earlier Wednesday that would have paired Midland with Abilene.

Craddick said that plan "really doesn't focus on what our need is."

"Agriculture is a big part of our economy and that's great ... but we really feel like we need someone representing the energy business," he said.

The problem has transferred to disagreements over Dallas, Central Texas and Brazoria County, Craddick said.

"I think that we're real close from what I've seen. We're just down to a couple of areas that we haven't agreed

on," he said.

In Dallas, the debate has arisen from the mostly minority district of Rep. Martin Frost, D-Arlington, as well as a seat the House map created to give Rep. Kenny Marchant, a Carrollton Republican, an opportunity to run for Congress, Craddick said.

Other conflicts have spun around keeping Fort Hood in one district and keeping McClennan and Williamson counties whole. Keeping Brazoria County in one district also has been an issue.

Republicans in the Legislature — spurred on by the Texas Republican congressional delegation — have been working to get a redistricting map approved for months, saying voting trends show Texas should have more Republicans in Congress, which Democrats rule 17-15. Democrats want the current lines to remain.

Republicans have said if the Legislature does not approve a plan by Monday, lawmakers could have to delay the March 2 primary election date.

Gov. Rick Perry has said he

would prefer not to postpone the primary, though it remains an option if a map is not approved by Monday.

Texas Democratic Party Chairwoman Molly Beth Malcolm said moving the primary back would be a waste of tax dollars, interfere with local elections and decrease turnout.

"Interestingly, the Republicans moved the primary date during the regular session from March 9 to March 2. Now they're talking about moving it March 30 or later," Malcolm said. "With the Republicans in charge, our primary election date is about as firm as a wedding date for Jennifer Lopez and Ben Affleck."

The governor has called Monday a "drop dead deadline" for both chambers to reach an agreement without postponing the primary.

Once Perry signs a redistricting bill, it will take 90 days for the bill to take effect. If it takes lawmakers longer than that to reach a deal, the filing period for candidates to sign up to run for congress for the 2004 election could expire.

Garage

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the home-to-vehicle trip in minutes, and I do not have to pay the \$15 football parking fee for visitors pay," Cook said.

Along with giving students another parking option, the garage has also made more visitor spaces available on Main Campus.

"A number of the permit holders in the garage used the visitor spaces in the University Center Garage last year, so the completion of the West Campus Garage has reduced usage on campus," Weis said. "This is good for visitors as we now have spaces available at most times in the University Center Garage."

As for the future of the West Campus Garage, Weis said he anticipates rates will increase due to the high cost of adding and operating the facility, but TS is working on a proposal that would allow the department to operate its facilities more efficiently.

"We cannot continue to operate a system of this size and have some areas overfilled while other areas are at 50 percent occupancy or less," Weis said. "The improvements made over the coming year will provide short and long-term benefits to the University."

Lauren Smith contributed to this report.

Gun

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measures barring felons from buying guns, and mandatory waiting periods and firearm registration. None of the studies were done by the federal government.

In every case, a CDC task force found "insufficient evidence to determine effectiveness."

Most of the studies were not funded by the CDC. Gun-control advocates quickly called on the government to fund better research.

"There have not been enough good surveys to know whether these laws work, and that's a very sad and troubling fact," said Peter Hamill, spokesman for the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence.

The National Rifle Association said it needed more time to review the CDC report before commenting on it.

Firearms injuries were the second leading cause of injury deaths, killing 28,663 people in 2000, the most recent year for which data was available. About 58 percent of the deaths were suicides. Gun accidents claimed about 775 lives that year.

About the only conclusion the CDC could draw from the surveys was that mandatory waiting periods reduced gun suicides in people over 55. But even that reduction was not big enough to significantly affect gun suicides for the overall population.

The CDC complained that many of the studies were inconsistent, too narrow, or poorly done.

"When we say we don't know the effect of a law, we don't mean it has no effect. We mean we don't know," said Dr. Jonathan Fielding.

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