



STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE JOURNAL

PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRD SESSION OF THE STUDENT SENATE

VOL. 3

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1967

NO. 29

The Senate met at 7:15 p.m. in the World Affairs Room in the University Center, and the meeting was called to order by the President.

Twenty-two Senators were present, with the following Senators absent: GLEN ADAMS, MIKE BAKER, RON BLACKARD, BRAD CLEMENTS, JAMES SAXE, ROBERT SAXE, J. B. TA

SENATE JOURNAL

The minutes were approved as reported.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President MATTERN reported that Dean Yardley requested three Senators to serve on the Health Service Advisory Committee Board he is setting up. Senators HANCOCK, COX and Butch GREENE volunteered to be members on this board.

President MATTERN reported that Bill Taylor will remain as Chairman of the Election Commission, and Bridgett Habenicht will remain as a member of the Election Commission. The President then made four new appointments to the Election Commission which are the following: Robert Norris, William Law, Tom Koebernick and Douglas Wolf. These appointments were referred to the Committee On Rules & Judiciary.

The President reported that he had reviewed the petition he received at the last Senate meeting (A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO SET RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON STUDENT ASSOCIATION TO AFFILIATE OR JOIN A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION) and will refer the petition to the Committee On Fiscal & Governmental Affairs.

President MATTERN read a letter of resignation from George Hurlburt, Director of Public Relations, to the Senate.

With the Senate's permission, President MATTERN asked Richard Gagahagen to speak to the Senate.

Richard Gagghagen then addressed the Senate. He discussed the Academic Honesty Code which was brought out in the Student Life Council meeting a few weeks ago. Also, Mr. Gagghagen reported that Dean Yardley's office has completed the Research On Higher Education for TISA. Copies of this report will be available for interested persons by the next Senate meeting. Richard Gagghagen read a letter from Eric V. Loom, a representative from NSA, discussing the CIA involvement with NSA and, also, he read a letter from Mr. Holland in regard to the Campus Environmental Program. Mr. Gagghagen said that he and Dean Yardley sent a letter to Mr. Holland stating that the University of Houston was interested in this program and requested this project for our university.

Mr. Gagghagen said that he along with four other people are on a Steering Committee to try and begin an organization for a State-Wide Campaign to lower the voting age from 21 years to 18 years. He asked if anyone was interested in this campaign to contact him.

Mr. GREENE of Pharmacy requested more information as to the reason of George Hurlburt's resignation as Director of Publications.

President MATTERN replied that he felt the "Source" should not be published close to the elections because it would probably have political overtones. But the main reason for not allowing Mr. Hurlburt to print the "Source" was due to insufficient funds left in the budget.

Mr. WOOD moved to allow George Hurlburt to address the Senate. The motion was passed.

Mr. Hurlburt said that there was \$400 left in the budget for the remainder of printing the "Source" for the fiscal year. He said that he wanted a series of issues, both pro and con on the National Student Association.

Mr. O'QUINN asked Mr. Hurlburt, "Do you feel Student Association ought to publish a newspaper"?

Mr. Hurlburt replied, "yes" that the "Source" should reflect "opinion of student leaders" and that there was "no place in presenting bias points of view."

Mr. O'QUINN said that the function of the "Source" overlaps that of the Corgar, and that Student Association should not continue to spend the student's money for issues that are adequately taken care of.

Richard Gagghagen attempted to address the Senate, but the Senators voted not to hear the former President's views on the "Source."

President MATTERN said that a committee could be set up to investigate the situation.

Mr. Hurlburt said that the "Source" is a "sheet of views" now but that he wanted to publish objective articles.

Mr. POSTON said that the Student Association Public Relations Department should present the Student Association in a favorable light.

President MATTERN said that Student Association could be just as effective as the "Source" through the student newspaper and spend less of the student's money.

Mr. WOOD called for the orders of the day. The motion was seconded and passed.

President MATTERN continued with the Executive Report. He said that Student Association is considering setting up a committee to study the higher prices of the bookstore.

President MATTERN announced that Bill Taylor's report on Election Commission recommendations has been given to all Senators and asked the Senators to read the report.

COMMITTEE ON RULES & JUDICIARY

Mr. DRISCOLL, Chairman, reported that the Committee met on February 9, 1967 at 3:00p.m.

The Committee read the Election Commission's revised report. Then considered S. 31 which unanimously passed with several amendments.

The Committee passed S.30 (A BILL TO PROVIDE FOR A POLLING PLACE IN THE LOBBY OF OBERHOLTZER HALL). It is understood by the Committee that the manning of this polling place will be the responsibility of the Men's Dormitory Government. It is the feeling of this Committee that the Election Commissioner for this polling place will come from the MDG.

The Committee passed S. 35 (A BILL TO AMEND THE ELECTION CODE BY ESTABLISHING A BALLOT BOX IN THE HEDGES HOUSE DORM). In considering this bill the Committee considered Mr. O'QUINN's reasoning in that polls should be placed in order to encourage the largest number of voters possible. Since the MDG has committed the workers for the poll, and since the MDG is experienced in manning elections, and since the dorm is an official University of Houston Dormitory Residence, and since it would also service Baldwin House and since MDG will furnish the box, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend the establishing of a polling place in Hedges House.

The Committee, also, recommends S. 37 (A BILL TO AMEND THE ELECTION CODE TO ESTABLISH A BALLOT BOX IN THE RECREATION BUILDING).

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS & POLICY

Mr. HANCOCK, Chairman, reported that the Committee met on February 17, 1967 at 2:00 p.m.

The first order of business was the consideration of S. 34 (A BILL TO REARRANGE THE SEMESTER SCHEDULE).

Mr. PICKLE stated that this was a similar semester schedule to the semester schedule which SMU had incorporated and that it was well liked at SMU. The Committee unanimously voted the bill out of Committee favorably.

Ted Pentecost was appointed as Secretary to the Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

The President asked Mr. COX sponsor of S. 30 to read the bill to the Senate. After reading the bill, Mr. COX said that Oberholtzer Hall is

a major traffic area and in addition the Men's Dormitory Government has agreed to man the poll there.

Since there was no more discussion on the bill, President MATTERN called the Question and S. 30 passed.

The President asked Mr. DRISCOLL sponsor of S. 31 to read the bill to the Senate.

Mr. WOOD moved to amend Section VIII of S. 31 by adding No. 7 Engineering Building to Section VIII. The amendment was seconded and passed.

Mr. GONZALES moved to amend Section VI of S. 31 to read: "...considered as one banner and all banners must be stationary." The amendment was seconded and passed.

The President called the Question on S. 31 which passed.

The President asked Mr. HANCOCK sponsor of S. 34 to read the bill to the Senate. After reading the bill, Mr. HANCOCK said that he talked with several people and always received a favorable response. He, also, said that he talked with the President of SMU who said that this system worked very well and was very favorable at SMU.

Mr. EWELL asked for Dean Yardley to speak on this matter.

Dean Yardley advised that someone in the Administration should be consulted in order for S. 34 to be handled properly.

Miss TRUEHEART moved to send S. 34 back to Committee until there is further information on the bill. The motion was seconded and passed.

The President asked Mr. HANCOCK sponsor of S. 35 to read the bill to the Senate.

Mr. EWELL spoke against the bill saying that it was over stepping the bounds to place a ballot box off campus.

Mr. PICKLE said that since there is a ballot box in the Downtown School which is "off campus" as such, establishing a ballot box in the Hedges House Dorm would not be unusual.

Mr. GREENE moved the previous question which passed.

The Senate then voted on S. 35 which passed with a vote of 11 in favor, 7 against. These Senators voted in the following way:

Richard Poston voted against
Jim Tanner voted against
Bert Gongzles voted for
Susan Logan voted against
Alan Ewell voted against

The President asked Mr. GREENE of Arts & Sciences sponsor of S. 37 to read the bill to the Senate. After reading the Bill, Mr. GREENE said that this building has been neglected in the past and that Scabbard and Blade has agreed to man the poll.

Mr. GONZALES said that S. 37 meets the basic principle of the Election Code, that is, for a ballot box to be established where there is a main flow of traffic.

Mr. EWELL disagreed with Mr. GONZALES in saying that there is not a main flow of traffic in the Recreation Building and that this ballot box would be for ROTC students for the most part.

Mr. GREENE of Pharmacy moved the previous question which passed. The Senate then voted on S. 37 which passed with a vote of 12 in favor, 4 against.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. DRISCOLL introduced S.R. 12 (A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE LOWERING OF UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON BOOKSTORE RATES AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMISSION TO STUDY THE POSSIBILITY OF A UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON CO-OPERATIVE BOOK STORE SYSTEM) which was referred to the Committee On Student Life, and S.R. 13 (A RESOLUTION URGING THE TEXAS STATE LEGISLATURE TO LOWER THE VOTING AGE TO 18 AND COMMENDING STATE REPRESENTATIVE VICKERY AND STATE SENATOR BERNEL FOR CALLING FOR THE 18-YEAR OLD VOTE) which was referred to the Committee On State, National & International Affairs.

Mr. O'QUINN introduced S.38 (A BILL TO ESTABLISH THE PROCEDURE FOR SELECTING THE TOP TEN STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON) which was referred to the Committee On Student Life.

Mr. TANNER introduced S. 39 (A BILL TO PROVIDE A POLLING PLACE IN THE LOBBY OF THE ARCHITECTURE BUILDING) which was referred to the Committee On Rules & Judiciary.

Mr. PICKLE made a point of personal privilege: "Senator PICKLE (Arts & Sciences) favors the so called 'special-interests' bills because they are just what they claim. Each group which has sponsored a bill has shown an interest in giving the student body more responsibility in student government by increasing their accessibility to voting. I believe that any attempt to increase the involvement of students in their government is to be commended."

Mr. CULPEPPER introduced S. 40 (A BILL AMENDING THE ELECTION CODE) which was referred to the Committee On Rules & Judiciary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dean Yardley requested to see the following Senators after the meeting: LOGAN, PICKLE HARRIS POSTON, and O'QUINN.

Miss COLLISTER announced that Senate make-up pictures will be held on February 21 and 22 from 4 to 9 p.m. in the Audio Visual Room.

Mr. DRISCOLL announced that the Committee On Rules & Judiciary will meet on February 23, at 3:00 p.m. in the Student Association office.

Mr. GONZALES announced that the Student Political Party will meet on February 23, at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. POSTON announced that the Committee On Fiscal & Governmental Affairs will meet after the Senate meeting.

Miss TRUEHEART announced that the Committee On Student Life will meet after the Senate meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. CULPEPPER moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion was agreed to; and (at 9:15 p.m.) the Senate adjourned.

APPROVED BY:

John Mattern
President, Student Association

Date

Sharee Berry
Secretary,

Date

MIMED BOND
DPM
TA-NON-KA