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The Senate met at 7:10 p.m. in Oberholtzer Hall in Dining Room 2, and the meeting was called to order by the President.

The Vice President and twenty-six Senators were present, with the following Senators absent: RON BLACKARD, ALAN EWELL, and BERT GONZALES.

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The minutes were approved as reported.

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## REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President GAGHAGEN announced that a representative of Young Americans For Freedom, Ron Dear, would talk to the Senate about the National Student Association. Mr. Dear gave his organization's views of what NSA is, and the reasons why the University of Houston Student Association should not join such an organization as NSA.

The President answered questions on NSA presented by the Senators. The President quoted statements from the NSA Handbook in answering the questions.

President GAGHAGEN said that the Senate has been shown both sides of NSA through the information given to them by Rick Stearns, Vice President of NSA, and Ron Dear, representative of Young Americans For Freedom. The President asked the Senate to take a stand and approve the bill to join NSA. If the bill to join NSA is passed, it would provide for remaining in NSA for a year and a half. A future Senate could then decide whether to stay in this organization or withdraw from it.

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## COMMITTEE ON RULES & JUDICIARY

Mr. DRISCOLL, Chairman, reported that the Committee met on December 5, 1966. The Committee recommends that the following Senators not be excused for lack

of an excuse: GLEN ADAMS, BRAD CLEMENTS and DON THIEL.

The Committee recommends that CYRIL COLLISTER and JIM CULPEPPER be excused due to illness, and BUTCH GREENE be excused because he was involved with the selection of new Hall Counselors of the dormitory.

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COMMITTEE ON STATE, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Mr. GREENE, Chairman, reported that the Committee met on December 19, 1966. The Committee held a public hearing on S. 26 on Thursday, December 15. The subject of S. 26 was debated by several interested students.

The Committee met again on Friday, December 16. Because of lack of space and the need to discuss the bill, it was requested that only Senators and Student Association executive officers attend. The Committee voted to amend S.26 as follows:

Delete old title and substitute: A BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE AFFILIATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON STUDENT ASSOCIATION WITH THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION.

Amend Section 1, as follows: "That the University of Houston Student Association affiliate with the United States National Student Association, in the normal manner prescribed for the adoption of bills, by doing the following:" (Retain paragraphs a. and b.; delete paragraph c.)

Delete old Section 2 and substitute the following new Section 2: "That UHSA believes that sufficient time should be allowed for our student government to participate in the United States National Student Association prior to review of affiliation, and therefore recommends that this action be reviewed in the fall of 1968.

The Committee reports S.26 to the Senate favorably, as amended.

The Committee then began discussion on Senate Resolution No. 10. However, after some debate, it was the consensus of the Committee that S.R.10 requires further research before the Committee considers it again.

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OLD BUSINESS

The first order of old business was the consideration of the report given by the Committee On Rules & Judiciary regarding absences. Mr. COX moved to accept the report and the motion passed.

Mr. THIEL moved to allow Dale Bronstein to speak to the Senate concerning the political role of NSA. The motion was seconded and passed with a vote of 10 in favor, 8 opposed. Mr. Bronstein spoke to the Senate and related that the Student Political Party was one of the first campus organizations to recommend the joining of NSA.

President GAGHAGEN asked Mr. DRISCOLL to give the second reading of S.26 which was done.

Mr. DRISCOLL said that the university has been in the process of studying

the possibility of joining NSA for a long time even though a bill was introduced last week. Mr. DRISCOLL went on to say that the UHSA should take an active voice in what is being done in the world.

Mr. WOOD moved to refer the NSA bill to Committee until the next Senate meeting. He said that in three weeks the Senate could make a much better decision on the matter than they could at the present time.

Mr. SAXE moved the previous question. The motion passed with 15 in favor, 3 opposed. Then the Senate proceeded to vote on tabling the bill. The motion failed with a vote of 5 in favor, 15 opposed.

Mr. BAKER asked Ron Dear if his source stated in his speech pertaining to the schools that withdrew from NSA was fact or hearsay.

Mr. COX said that 55 schools have withdrawn from NSA since 1961, and that not enough objections have been shown until the present time.

Mr. CULPEPPER requested that his name be removed as co-sponsor of S.26. Mr. CULPEPPER said that he did not agree with the financial report of NSA, he did not feel that the bill will have much support, and that there was a good reason for so many universities to drop out of the organization.

Mr. O'QUINN congratulated Ron Dear for his excellent presentation. Mr. O'QUINN said that the only way to obtain the real facts about NSA is to join the organization and send representatives. He said that if the organization proves to be unfavorable, University of Houston can withdraw its membership.

Miss BRATTIS moved the previous question. The motion was seconded and passed. Thus, debate on S.26 was ended.

A motion was made to take a Roll Call vote on S.26 which passed. The roll was called with Senators ADAMS, BAKER, BRATTIS, DRISCOLL, HARRIS, LOESCH, LOGAN, O'QUINN PICKLE, POSTON, JOHN GREENE, RHEA, JAMES SAXE, ROBERT SAXE, THIEL, and TRUEHEART voting affirmative and Senators CLEMENTS, COX, COLLISTER, CULPEPPER, HANCOCK, and WOOD voting negative to S.26. Senate Bill #26 passed with a vote of 17 in favor, 6 opposed.

Miss TRUEHEART requested that the following statement presented by Mr. TREVATHAN be recorded: "Due to prior mandatory commitments, I must leave the Senate meeting. I would, however, like to have it noted that my opinion rests in favor of Senate Bill #26." (Rick Trevathan, College of Arts & Sciences)

Mr. PICKLE said, "The Chair would do well to recognize the fact that the Senate is not officially cognizant of a bill, until it is proposed. Therefore, would the Chair please introduce its legislation earlier than one week before it wishes it to be acted upon."

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. COX wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr. DRISCOLL announced that the Committee On Rules & Judiciary will not meet until after the holidays.

President GAGHAGEN announced that the next Senate meeting will be held on January 9, 1967, and wished the Senators and the entire Student Body a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The President also announced that he had received a petition asking for a referendum on NSA and that it would be taken under consideration by his office in considering the bill to affiliate with USNSA. He also noted that some procedure should be developed for ascertaining the creditability of petitions, particularly as to whether they contain valid signatures of students.

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ADJOURNMENT

Mr. O'QUINN moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion was agreed to; and (at 9:35 p.m.) the Senate adjourned.

APPROVED BY:

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Richard B. Gaghagen  
President, Student Association

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Secretary

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