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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-three Senators were present, with the following Senators absent: GLEN ADAMS, MIKE BAKER, RON BLACKARD, BUTCH GREENE, JAMES SAXE, ROBERT SAXE.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President MATTERN reported that he was very proud to be in the new Student Center and that from now on all Senate meetings will be held in the Center every Monday night at 7:00 p.m. The President said that each Senator should make it his responsibility to know the laws of the University Center and to become familiar with the building itself for the purpose of assisting students.

The President reported that definite office procedures will be set up in the Student Association office. Also, the Conference Room is to be set up so that the different committees can hold their meetings except on Mondays when the room will be used for the preparation of Senate meetings.

President MATTERN announced that there were a few vacant offices that needed to be filled -- one being the Student Association Treasurer. Since a new Treasurer will be appointed at the next Senate meeting, the President asked Senators for recommendations for that position.

The President reported that the Deans of Colleges have sent in their proposals for the Undergraduate Research Committee. This committee will be in operation soon.

With the consent of the Senate, President MATTERN asked Richard Gaghagen to address the Senate. Mr. Gaghagen spoke to the Senate about the State Wide Movement to lower the voting age. He said that there is a proposal before the Texas House and Senate now to lower the voting age to 18 years of age. If anyone is interested in this campaign, they should attend an organizational meeting at the Rice Memorial Center, February 18, at 1:00 p.m. and also contact Richard Gaghagen.

President MATTERN reported that the Executive Committee decided on a filing date for the March 8-9 Elections. The filing date will begin on February 20, at 8:00 a.m. and close March 1st at 5:00 p.m. in accordance with

the Election Code. All applicants are to file in Dean Yardley's office.

President MATTERN said that he received a petition (A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO SET RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON STUDENT ASSOCIATION TO AFFILIATE OR JOIN A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION) which was signed by James Cox and Ronald Dear and witnessed by Michael Baker and Theodore Pentecost. The President read the petition to the Senate after which he stated that the petition would be checked as to its validity and then referred to the Committee On Fiscal & Governmental Operations.

COMMITTEE ON RULES & JUDICIARY

Mr. DRISCOLL, Chairman, reported that the Committee met on February 9, 1967.

The Committee considered Mr. POSTON'S bill to establish procedures for determining the validity of petitions and the bill was reported out favorably.

The Committee also considered excuses. The Committee recommends that Sue Loesch and Mimi Trueheart be excused for the February 9th meeting, but that Brad Clements and Ron Blackard not be excused.

The Committee considered Mr. O'QUINN'S bill to establish a ballot box in the Law School. Upon the request of Mr. COX who was unable to attend the meeting, the Committee decided to keep the bill in Committee and re-consider it the following week.

Mr. O'QUINN objected to the Committee's holding of this bill (S.25) for such a long length of time and thought it ~~improper~~ for S.25 not to be reported out since the Committee had enough time to consider the bill.

Mr. DRISCOLL replied that the reason the bill was held in Committee for so long was because the Committee had not received the Election Commission Report which was needed in considering S.25.

President MATTERN said that this bill (S.25) would be brought out on the floor in Old Business.

COMMITTEE ON FISCAL & GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Mr. POSTON, Chairman, reported that the Committee met on February 13, 1967, at 9:00 p.m. in Oberholtzer Hall, Dining Room 2.

The Committee considered S.R. 11. The Committee voted unanimously to approve ~~Senate Resolution No. 11.~~ Resolution No. 11.

COMMITTEE ON STUDENT LIFE

Miss TRUEHEART, Chairman, reported that the Committee met on February 10, 1967.

The Committee recommends that the Senate approve the appointment of Bob Livermore as Chairman of the Orientation Steering Committee.

COMMITTEE ON STATE, NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Mr. JOHN GREENE, Chairman, reported that the Committee met on February 13, 1967.

The Committee discussed S.R. 10. The S.R. 10 was reported out favorably with no changes.

OLD BUSINESS

The first order of business was the consideration of the portion of the Report of the Committee On Rules & Judiciary concerning absences. The committee report was accepted by the Senate.

Next, the Senate considered Bob Livermore to the position of Chairman of the Orientation Steering Committee. The Senate voted unanimously to approve.

President MATTERN asked Mr. POSTON sponsor of S. 27 to read the bill to the Senate.

Mr. COX moved to amend S. 27 to read: "...consideration in the Spring Election of 1967 will not be subject to the provisions of this bill and may be presented...." The motion was seconded but failed.

The Chair called the question on S. 27 and the bill passed.

The President asked Mr. DRISCOLL sponsor of S.R. 110 to read the resolution to the Senate. After reading the bill, Mr. DRISCOLL said that the Governor's Board has asked for an increase in tuition even though Governor Connally did not propose it. Also, he said that the passage of this bill was important to let the Texas Legislature know how students feel on a tuition increase.

Mr. O'QUINN moved to amend the resolution to read: in the first Whereas Clause: "...University System Co-ordinating Board would not raise an amount sufficient to justify an increase, and." Also, the second Whereas Clause was to be deleted.

Since there was no further debate, the Chair ordered the Question on the amendment to S.R. 110 which passed.

Next, the Senate voted on S.R. 10 which passed without a descending vote.

President MATTERN asked Mr. HANCOCK sponsor of S.R. 11 to read the resolution to the Senate. Since there was no discussion on the resolution, the Chair called the Question on S.R. 11 which passed by acclamation.

The President asked Mr. O'QUINN sponsor of S. 25 to read the bill to the Senate. After reading the bill, Mr. O'QUINN thanked the Chair for allowing the bill to come out of committee. He said that the Election Commission still has the problem of finding people to work the polls, but if a ballot box is provided for in the Law School the Student Bar Association has agreed to

be responsible for providing people to work the polls. Mr. O'QUINN went on to say that law students spend most of their time in the law school and that the student government should come to these students instead of the law students coming to student government. He said that ballot boxes in Law School will encourage voting by law students.

Mr. COX said that there is one ballot box in the library already and that anyone interested in voting can vote there.

Mr. POSTON moved to amend S. 25 by striking out the phrase "has agreed to furnish" in the second sentence and to delete the entire third sentence of the bill. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. GONZALES commended Mr. O'QUINN on the basic idea of his bill, that is, to furnish people to work the polls and generally to try and better the Election Code. He, also, said that polls should be established where there is a large flow of traffic and that the Law School does not have as much traffic as do other places on campus.

Mr. DRISCOLL said: "We are sitting in a five million dollar University Center--our universtiy is going to grow. Students on this campus should also take pride in their student government and their student officials, and I think students should be able to walk to a ballot box." He, also, said that the Election Commission should not break away from setting up polling places where there is a large amount of traffic.

Mr. O'QUINN said that the law school is housed in the basement of the library which makes it very inconvenient for law students to vote since most of these students enter and leave through the back entrance of the library.

Mr. TANNER said that if the Law School is interested enough to provide people to work the polls, the school should be allowed to have their own ballot box.

Mr. CULPEPPER moved the previous question which passed with a vote of 15 for, 5 against.

The Senate then voted on S. 25 which passed with a vote of 13 for, 10 against.

NEW BUSINESS

Miss TRUEHEART introduced S. 29 (A BILL TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE BYLAWS OF THE UNIVERSITY CENTER POLICY BOARD) which was referred to the Committee On Student Life.

Mr. COX introduced S. 30 (A BILL TO PROVIDE FOR A POLLING PLACE IN THE LOBBY OF OBERHOLTZER HALL) which was referred to the Committee On Rules & Judiciary.

Mr. DRISCOLL introduced S. 31 (A BILL TO AMEND THE ELECTION CODE) which was referred to the Committee On Rules & Judiciary.

Mr. POSTON introduced S. 32 (A BILL TO AUTHORIZE FACULTY PARKING PRIVILEGES FOR TEACHING FELLOWS) which was referred to the Committee On Student Life and also S. 33 (A BILL TO RESTRICT MOTOR VEHICLES AND SCOOTERS DRIVING ON SIDEWALKS) which was also referred to the Committee On Student Life.

Mr. HANCOCK introduced S. 34 (A BILL TO REARRANGE THE SEMESTER SCHEDULE) which was referred to the Committee On Educational Affairs & Policy, and also S. 35 (A BILL TO AMEND THE ELECTION CODE BY ESTABLISHING A BALLOT BOX IN THE HEDGES HOUSE DORMITORY) which was referred to the Committee On Rules & Judiciary.

Mr. WOOD introduced S. 36 (A BILL TO ESTABLISH A BALLOT BOX IN THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEER) which was referred to the Committee On Rules & Judiciary

Mr. JOHN GREENE introduced S. 37 (A BILL TO AMEND THE ELECTION CODE) which was referred to the Committee On Rules & Judiciary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Miss TRUEHEART announced that the Committee On Student Life will meet on February 15, at 12 Noon.

Mr. HANCOCK requested that the President sign S.R. 10 by the next day.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. WOOD moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion was agreed to; and (at 9:55 p.m.) the Senate adjourned.

APPROVED BY:

John Mattern
President, Student Association

Date

Sharee Berry
Secretary

Date