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STATE REPRESENTATIVE JOE SALEM, MEMBER OF THE HOUSE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON THE FINANCING OF PUBLIC EDUCATION IN TEXAS, ANNOUNCED THAT THE COMMITTEE'S PUBLIC MEAKING IN CORPUS CHRISTI WILL BE MELD AT 9 A.M. WEDNESDAY MARCH 1, 1972 AT DEL MAR COLLEGE AUDITORIUM.

REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES JUNGMICHEL OF LA GRANGE, REGIONAL CHAIRMAN, WILL CONDUCT THE HEARING.

ALL PERSONS WISHING TO TESTIFY BEFORE THIS COMMITTEE ON THE FINANCING OF PUBLIC EDUCATION IN TEXAS ARE INVITED TO BE PRESENT AT THE HEARING. IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE PROCEDURES THE COMMITTEE HAS ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING "GUIDELINES".

1. ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE UNGED TO SUBMIT A WRITTEN SUMMARY OF THEIR TESTIMONY TO THE CHAINMAN PRIOR TO THE HEARING. PARTIES FILING SUCH SUMMARIES WILL BE HEARD FIRST. SUCH WRITTEN SUMMARIES ARE-NOT, HOWEVER, A CONDITION FOR BEING ABLE TO TESTIFY AS ALL PARTIES WILL BE HEARD TO THE EXTENT TIME PERMITS.

2. ONLY CONSTRUCTIVE OF POSITIVE TESTIMONY EXPRESSING PROPOSED ACTION, RECOMMENDATIONS, OPINIONS, OR UNIQUE SITUATIONS, WILL BE CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE. DEBATE OR REBUTTAL WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.

3. THE COMMITTEE IS LEGISLATIVE AND WILL NOT RECEIVE TESTIMONY RELATIVE TO THE MERITS OF THE COURT DECISION.



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> THE COMMITTEE PURPOSE IS TO STULY THE PROBLEMS OF FINANCING PUBLIC EDUCATION AND RECOMMEND A COMPREHENSIVE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM DESIGNED TO PROVIDE EACH CHILD EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR AN EQUITABLE FINANCED QUALITY EDUCATION AND THEREFORE IS VERY INERERESTED IN OBTAINING EVERY AVAILABLE RECOMMENDATION, SOLUTION, PARTIAL SOLUTION, IDEA, CONCEPT, PLAN AND OPINION RELATIVE TO THE FINANCING OF PUBLIC EDUCATION. ITS IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVE IS TO DETERMINE SUITABLE SOURCES OF REVENUE AND EQUITABLE POLICIES FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOOL FUNES. THE COMMITTEE HAS PROGRAMED ITS WORK INTO FOUR PHASES, RESEARCH, EVALUATION, FORMULATION, AND LEGISLATION. THIS HEARING IS PART OF THE RESEARCH PHASE WHICH IS TO BE COMPLETED BY MAY.

THERE WILL BE OTHER HEARINGS IN THE CORPUS AREA FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO TESTIFY AND ARE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND WEDNESDAY MARCH FIRST, SALEM SAID.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE LEROY WIETING IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THIS COMMITTEE SALEM SAID.