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### COMMISSION'S BUDGET, 1976-77

ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO, I ADVISED THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION OF THE APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE'S ACTION TO REVERSE ITS PREVIOUS DECISION TO DENY THE COMMISSION FUNDS FOR THE 1976-77 BIENNIUM. THE VOTE, ON MOTION BY REP. LEROY J. WIETING, PORTLAND, TO RECONSIDER THE VOTE BY WHICH WE HAD BEEN DENIED OUR FUNDS, WAS 12-6 IN OUR FAVOR. WHEN THE APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE REPORTED TO THE FLOOR OF THE HOUSE, NOT A SINGLE MEMBER OF THAT BODY MADE AN ATTEMPT TO QUESTION THE COMMISSION'S BUDGET.

THE LEGISLATURE WILL FINISH ITS OFFICIAL BUSINESS AT MIDNIGHT ON JUNE 2. AS IT STANDS NOW, THE HOUSE AND SENATE HAVE ACCEPTED THE LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION ON OUR BUDGET AS FOLLOWS: FOR THE YEAR 1976, BEGINNING SEPT. 1, 1975: \$119,990. SUCH AMOUNT INCLUDES SALARY INCREASES FOR ALL OF THE STAFF, AND AN INCREASE IN OFFICE AND TRAVEL EXPENSES. FOR THE YEAR 1977, BEGINNING SEPT. 1, 1976: \$127,969. OUR PRESENT BUDGET IS \$102,135. ALTHOUGH OUR REQUEST FOR 3 ADDITIONAL STAFF MEMBERS WAS DENIED, WE FEEL FUNDS ARE ADEQUATE TO CARRY OUT OUR MANDATED FUNCTIONS. THE CHAIRMAN AND ALL COMMISSIONERS DESERVE OUR GRATITUDE FOR THEIR INVALUABLE HELP AND COOPERATION IN COMMUNICATING WITH VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE TO SEE THAT OUR FUNDS WERE ASSURED. OUR APPRECIATION IS ALSO EXTENDED TO THE IGNC, WHICH AT ITS SPRING ASSEMBLY IN SAN LUIS POTOSI, ADOPTED AN EXCELLENT RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE COMMISSION, AND SENT IT TO ALL 181 MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE PRAISE IS ALSO MERITED BY THE MANY IGNC CHAPTERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE; THE GI FORUMS OF TEXAS; LULACS; THE SAN ANTONIO CITY COUNCIL; LAREDO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE; AND MANY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AS WELL AS INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS.

### SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN FINALIZED IN CONNECTION WITH OUR NEXT MEETING IN SAN ANGELO ON JUNE 13. THE MEETING WILL START PROMPTLY AT 9:00 AM, WITH A BRIEF RECESS FOR LUNCH, AND ADJOURNMENT AT 4:30. SINCE MANY IMPORTANT DECISIONS ARE TO BE MADE REGARDING PENDING PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS, I SINCERELY HOPE ALL COMMISSIONERS WILL ATTEND.

AS PREVIOUSLY EXPLAINED, MR. E.H. DANNER, SAN ANGELO IGNC CHAPTER, HAS BEEN EXTREMELY COOPERATIVE IN HELPING US FINALIZE THE ARRANGEMENTS. HE HAS MADE RESERVATIONS FOR US AT THE HOLIDAY INN, WHICH I UNDERSTAND IS A NEW HOTEL IN DOWNTOWN SAN ANGELO. HE ALSO MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MEETING TO BE IN THE HOUSTON HARTE UNIVERSITY CENTER ON THE ANGELO STATE CAMPUS. AS ALSO PREVIOUSLY EXPLAINED, THE SAN ANGELO IGNC CHAPTER WILL SPONSOR A RECEPTION HONORING THE COMMISSIONERS ON JUNE 12, AT 7:00 P.M. - ALSO IN THE HOUSTON HARTE CENTER.

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR THE CHAIRMAN TO APPEAR ON A TV PROGRAM HOSTED BY PAT ATTEBERY, OVER STATION KCTB AT 5:00 P.M. ON JUNE 12.

AS CUSTOMARY, SENATOR W. E. (PETE) SNELSON, MIDLAND, AND REP. TOM C. MASSEY, SAN ANGELO, HAVE BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND THE MEETING AND THE RECEPTION.