

HOUSE SIMPLE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, There is great need for the Legislature of the State of Texas to assume a larger planning role with regards to the welfare and human opportunities of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, The future greatness of this State and the prosperity and well-being of its people depends upon the preventive steps taken by the Legislature now, with regards to problems of children and the care and services provided pre-delinquent, abused, and dependent-and-neglected children, and their families; and

WHEREAS, There were over thirty-five bills introduced in the Texas House of Representatives during the Sixty-First Legislature, Regular Session, concerning the problems of children and public assistance; and, a larger number of bills will necessarily be introduced in the future for the following reasons:

(1) The administration of the Federal Government is proposing a restructuring of the welfare system in the United States, which will call for innovations in the Texas welfare system; and

(2) The White House Conference on Children and Youth, to be held in 1970, in which Texas participates, will study and make recommendations to the States regarding steps that should be taken to improve services and general care for children and youth; and

(3) The Texas State Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights has recognized the need for Texas legislative leadership in the field of food programs, since nine out of ten of the poor in this State are not participating in the federal food subsidy programs; and

WHEREAS, There is an imperative need for the Texas Legislature to coordinate the new, as well as the existing, programs aimed at developing the human resources of the people of this State, which are not presently receiving adequate attention due to fragmented and piece-meal State policies; now, therefore, be it

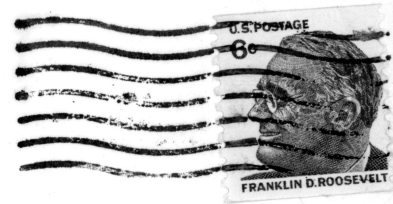
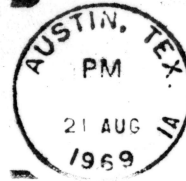
RESOLVED by the House of Representatives, Sixty-First Legislature, First Called Session, that Rule VII of the House Rules, Sixty-First Legislature, be amended by adding the following:

"Section 46. WELFARE. Twenty-one members, with jurisdiction over: (1) All matters pertaining to the needs of and services for children, the aged, the disabled, and the blind; (2) public assistance programs; (3) community service programs; (4) legal aid programs; (5) food subsidy programs; (6) the problems of unemployment, underemployment, and job training programs; and, (7) all matters relating to social and economic problems, which inhibit the general welfare of the people of the State of Texas."



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New Welfare Bill



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