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### You Can't Beat Lake Brownwood

When it comes to a store of that seems to have everything — great swimming, fishing, camping, lake-side cabins, and more — you can't beat Lake Brownwood. Pg. 1B.



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by Kathryn Duff

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## Tentative Approval Given To Clayton's School Bill

AUSTIN (AP) — The House voted tentative approval Thursday night to Speaker Bill Clayton's \$94.1 million dollar school finance bill after retracting a previous decision requiring between \$55 million and \$60 million in direct tax revenue from the state.

The vote was 126-22. Representatives will meet at 8 a.m. Friday to take a final vote returning the bill to the Senate. There was considerable floor talk Thursday night to the effect that senators might accept the House rewrite of last week's measure without the need for a conference committee.

An aide to Governor Dolph Briscoe said he hoped the chief executive would recommend to Senate leaders that they accept the House version.

The two bills differ widely in two critical areas. The House bill would reduce local costs of the Foundation School Program by \$34 million over the next two years while the Senate bill would grant only \$23 million in relief. Clayton's measure would beef up equalization aid to poor districts by \$143 million, almost \$70 million less than the Senate measure would provide.

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Before approving the bill, the House rejected, 85-46, a \$90.3 million complete substitute by Rep. Tom Coleman, D-El Paso, which provided far less than Clayton's bill to ease local tax burdens for the foundation program but far more — \$28.3 million — to equalize spending by rich and poor districts.

"It is not right that we should continue to fund the richer districts at a higher rate than poor ones," Coleman said.

He said a major increase in equalization might avoid a federal court suit challenging Texas' school finance system. Earlier, Rep. Luther Jones, D-El Paso, failed to win approval of the Senate's formula for sliding state aid and



REP. TOM MASSEY presents school bill

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of American forces in Korea," Ross said. "The forces remain on normal status."

North Korean radio claimed the helicopter, a twin-engine cargo and troop-carrying C-47 model, "plunged deep into the portion of our side." But Ross said two observer posts on the South Korean side of the 38-mile buffer zone saw the incident.

Ross said the unnamed chopper had taken off from Pyongyang, 15 miles south of Seoul, destined for an area two miles south of the demilitarized zone. Its mission was to haul construction material in the area to an observation post.

South Korean troops saw the helicopter straying across the DMZ and tried to warn the crew by firing warning shots. "They first landed in North Korea, got out and inspected the helicopter and then got back into the helicopter and took off," Carter told the senators. "After it took off, the North Koreans who were approaching apparently shot the helicopter down."

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## 'No New Taxes,' Just More Old Ones, Hill Accuses Foe

ALICE (AP) — Texas Atty. Gen. John Hill, an unannounced gubernatorial candidate, blasted Gov. Dolph Briscoe for looking for state aid on "spending areas for the last five years" at taxpayers' expense.

"The governor hasn't added any new taxes, he's just increased the old ones," Hill told a gathering of about 25 supporters Thursday when he stopped in this South Texas city on his way to similar meetings in the Corpus Christi area and Rio Grande Valley.

"The property tax will accelerate \$1 billion over the last four years," he said. "That has to stop. We need to show some restraint on the amount of property taxes paid by our citizens."

Hill said the state treasury was swelled by \$4.5 billion in surplus funds during the last four years due to a "good happenstance that came about as a result of the rise in oil and gas prices."

"The bureaucracy has gotten off with most of that money," he charged. "Because the governor has allowed the bureaucracy to set its own spending areas and set its own spending appetite."

Hill also said if he were in a position to monitor state spending, "education would be my number one priority. That's the best investment dollar you can spend. Education is the most important product of government."

He called the special legislative session dealing with school finance currently in progress "utterly unnecessary. It could have been and should have been avoided."

"I think we should meet head on the need of our teachers to get adequate compensation. They are always at the foot of the class. Always the last line when it comes to state spending."

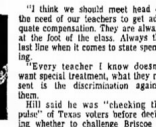
"Every teacher I know doesn't want special treatment, what they resent is the discrimination against them."

Hill said he was "checking the pulse" of Texas voters before deciding whether to challenge Briscoe in next year's Democratic party.

He also said polls show that "the name of Atty. Gen. John Hill is the most likely candidate to be successful" in the primary against Briscoe.

"I have gotten tremendous response from the people of Texas," he said. "We have gotten more than 7,000 letters supporting me and several newspaper endorsements."

"I feel Texas is in a mood for change. We'll probably have a new governor sworn in in 1978."



HILL

### Inside Today

#### Martin Completes All-Star Roster

Billy Martin, manager for the American League All-Stars, selects three more Boston players for his squad, giving the Red Sox a total of seven players on the 1977 team. Pg. 4C.

#### And There Was Light — Finally

New York began coming back to light and life Thursday while leaders of the nation's largest city tried to stem outbreaks of looting and vandalism. See Stories Pg. 6A, 8A.

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### Rub-a-dub-dub

Darby Young, the 6-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. David Young, keeps cool in a bucket of water Thursday during the Cow Show in Pulaski, Tenn. Tennessee temperatures, in the high 90s, made Darby's spot the place to be. (AP Wirephoto)