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**H. J. R. No. 1
A JOINT RESOLUTION**

proposing an amendment to Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding a new section thereto to be known as Section 49a, requiring all bills passed by the Legislature on and after January 1, 1945, appropriating money for any purpose, to be sent to the Comptroller of Public Accounts for his approval, and fixing the duties of the Comptroller with reference thereto; authorizing the Legislature to provide for the issuance, sale and retirement of serial bonds, equal in principal to the total outstanding, valid, and approved obligations owing by the General Revenue Fund on September 1, 1943; providing for the submission of this amendment to the voters of this State; prescribing the form of ballot; providing for the proclamation and publication thereof; and providing for the necessary appropriation to defray necessary expenses for the submission of this amendment.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto, immediately after Section 49, a section to be known as Section 49a, to read as follows:

"Section 49a. It shall be the duty of the Comptroller of Public Accounts in advance of each Regular Session of the Legislature to prepare and submit to the Governor or to the Legislature upon its convening a statement under oath showing fully the financial condition of the State Treasury at the close of the last fiscal period and an estimate of the probable receipts and disbursements for the then current fiscal year. There shall also be contained in said statement an itemized estimate of the anticipated revenue based on the laws then in effect that will be received by and for the State from all sources showing the fund accounts to be credited during the succeeding biennium and said statement shall contain such other information as may be required by law. Supplemental statements shall be submitted at any Special Session of the Legislature and at such other times as may be necessary to show probable changes.

"From and after January 1, 1945, save in the case of emergency and imperative public necessity and with a four-fifths vote of the total membership of each House, no appropriation in excess of the cash and anticipated revenue of the funds from which such appropriation is to be made shall be valid. From and after January 1, 1945, no bill containing an appropriation shall be considered as passed or be sent to the Governor for consideration until and unless the Comptroller of Public Accounts endorses his certificate thereon showing that the amount appropriated is within the amount estimated to be available in the affected funds. When the Comptroller finds an appropriation bill exceeds the estimated revenue he shall endorse such finding thereon and return to the House in which same originated. Such information shall be immediately made known to both the House of Representatives and the Senate and the necessary steps shall be taken to bring such appropriation to within the revenue, either by providing additional revenue or reducing the appropriation.

"For the purpose of financing the outstanding obligations of the General Revenue Fund of the State and placing its current accounts on a cash basis the Legislature of the State of Texas is hereby authorized to provide for the issuance, sale and retirement of serial bonds, equal in principal to the total outstanding, valid and approved obligations owing by said fund on September 1, 1943, provided such bonds shall not draw interest in excess of two (2) per cent per annum and shall mature within twenty (20) years

from date."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the State of Texas, at the next general election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1942, being November 3, 1942, at which election all voters favoring said proposed amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots, the words:

"For the Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, requiring all appropriation bills passed by the Legislature to be presented to and certified by the Comptroller of Public Accounts as to available funds for payment thereof, limiting appropriations to the total of such available funds, providing for issuance of bonds to pay off State obligations outstanding September 1, 1943, and fixing the duties of the Legislature and Comptroller of Public Accounts with reference thereto."

Those opposing said proposed Amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words:

"Against the Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, requiring appropriation bills passed by the Legislature to be presented to and certified by the Comptroller of Public Accounts as to available funds for payment thereof, limiting appropriations to the total of such available funds, providing for issuance of bonds to pay off State obligations outstanding September 1, 1943, and fixing the duties of the Legislature and Comptroller of Public Accounts with reference thereto."

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State of Texas is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election and have same published as required by the Constitution for amendments thereto.

Sec. 4. The sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury of the State of Texas, not otherwise appropriated, to pay the expenses of such publication and election.

RESOLUTIONS

To the Noble Grand and Members of Baird Rebekah Lodge No. 112:

We your committee appointed to draft resolutions of sympathy on the death of our Brother Herman Schwartz who departed this life on June 30, 1942, submit the following:

Since God in His wisdom has received unto Himself the soul of our departed brother,

Be it resolved that we extend our deepest sympathy, love and help to his family in this time of sorrow.

Be it further resolved that we state again our sincere appreciation for the life and work of our Brother Herman Schwartz. The soundness of his judgment, the wisdom of his counsel, the mildness of his temper, the firmness of his purposes, the affectionate tone of his manners, the unequalled tenderness of heart, the dignity and virtues of his life have been a wonderful influence not only to our Lodge but to the town of Baird and all who have been touched by his life. His memory will be cherished by all his fellow-citizens with enduring affection. Brother Herman Schwartz can be forgotten only when memory itself shall perish.

Be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be delivered to the family of Brother Schwartz, a copy recorded on the minutes of this Lodge, and also a copy given to the local paper for publication.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Voshelle
Katherine Hinds
Theresa Sutphen.

METHODS FOR FIGHTING INCENDIARY BOMBS

New instructions in fighting fire bombs have been announced as a result of extensive research by technicians in the United States and England, it is reported by Marvin Hall, State Fire Defense Coordinator.

In a communication to Fire Chief Gilbert Hinds, Mr. Hall stated: "All civilians should become familiar with the new and safer method of fighting incendiary bombs described in the latest instructions released by OCD. These are the result of extensive experiments by OCD technicians and the Chemical Warfare Service of the U. S. Army. The new method has already been adopted in England and New Zealand."

Chief Gilbert Hinds said that the most important change in

technique is that which calls for the use of a jet of water instead of a spray. A speedy attack on the bomb with a jet of water will knock the bomb out in less than one minute, thus saving valuable time which can be used in attacking other bombs nearby before they can start serious fires. Sand is not to be used except where water is not available or where the glare of the bomb can be seen by enemy flyers, he said.

Briefly, the latest instructions are:

1. Bring your fire fighting equipment to the scene at once.
 2. Shoot a jet of water directly at the bomb without delay, to put it out of action quickly.
 3. Then use the jet, quickly, to quench the fragments and the remains of the bombs, and any fires that might have been started.
 4. Be absolutely sure all fire is out before you leave the scene.
 5. Use a coarse spray where scattering of metal must be avoided.
 6. Use sand only if a bomb falls where it is not likely to start a fire, or if water is not available.
- Chief Gilbert Hinds pointed out that the desirable jet of water can be obtained from a garden hose, any type of water fire extinguisher, a pump-tank extinguisher or a stirrup pump.

**LUCIEN WARREN
THANKS VOTERS**

I am deeply grateful to you for the splendid vote you gave me in last Saturday's election. I shall appreciate your continued support. To those who saw fit to vote for my opponents, I will thank you for your support and influence in the second primary. If you will give me your support I assure you that you will not have cause to regret it. With the short time that I have I know that I cannot contact each of you; so if I do not see you, please take this as a personal solicitation for your vote.

LUCIEN WARREN
Candidate for Com. Pre. 2

TO MY LOYAL FRIENDS OF CALLAHAN COUNTY

Every vote cast for my re-election to the office of County Treasurer in Saturday's election was sincerely appreciated.

Your continued confidence is an inspiration to serve you to the

best of my ability at all times.

Your friend,
MRS. WILL McMOY

TO THE CITIZENS OF CALLAHAN COUNTY

I want to thank the people of Callahan County for the splendid vote given me in the primary election last Saturday. Also I want to thank the entire citizenship of the county for the exceedingly nice treatment shown me in my campaign. Your vote of confidence has prompted me to further render you the best service possible.

Respectfully,
C. R. NORDYKE Sheriff,
Callahan County.

TO THE PEOPLE OF PRECINCT NO. TWO

I wish to express my sincere thanks for the splendid support you gave me in the July Primary.

There are a number of people in Precinct No. Two who will have to make a new decision on the Commissioners' Race—Under certain conditions, there may be some of you that I cannot see before the next election—but your vote and influence will certainly be appreciated.

Gratefully Yours,
SHELBY HARVILLE

TO THE PEOPLE OF CALLAHAN COUNTY

Reflection to my office has filled me with a sincere gratitude, which I intend to express to you by working as hard the next two years to do my task well as I have tried to work during my first term.

In the trying times ahead of us I earnestly desire your suggestions and your cooperation in handling the county tax matters. If there is something you do not understand, please feel free to come in and investigate. County Records are public property and are usually self-explanatory.

Your friend and Assessor-Collector,

MRS. T. W. BRISCOE.

TO CITIZENS OF CALLAHAN COUNTY

Please accept my thanks and appreciation for the splendid support

given me in Saturday's election. I am deeply grateful for the many courtesies shown me, for your encouraging words, and for the friend ships I have formed during the months of the campaign. I have no regrets and no apologies to make for anything I have said or done.

Sincerely yours,

LEE IVEY.

TO THE PEOPLE OF CALLAHAN COUNTY

With malice toward none and good will to all, I want to express my thanks and appreciation to the voters of Callahan County for their support at last Saturday's election.

I shall do everything possible to justify the confidence placed in me and to merit your support.

B. C. CHRISMAN.

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- "We had our first practice blackout here recently," he added. "For twenty minutes, my family and I sat in total darkness. The seriousness of war hit us all harder than ever before."
- "Then, when the all-clear sounded and we turned the lights back on, warmth and reassurance came into the room. That made me realize that whatever I spend for electricity, it's still about the cheapest thing I buy."

- Here in West Texas, where blackouts have been few and far between and the war seems far away, a lot of folks take electricity for granted until something reminds them how dependable and cheap it really is. If yours is an average family, you're getting about twice or three times as much electricity for your money as ten to fifteen years ago.
- The reasons why this service is so cheap and so dependable go back to the way America works—a way we're all fighting for now. A way of life in which free men have an opportunity to create and produce and succeed in proportion to their individual contribution.
- Your Electric Servant grew up that way—steadily making more jobs, serving more homes and people and lowering rates—under efficient business management. Because it has done its part of the job well, West Texas has the electric power to attract military training camps, flying schools and war plants. West Texas today is helping produce the men and material that promises a permanent blackout for the Axis dictators!

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