By Henry Cuellar H.B. No. 1432

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of a council to explore possibilities for compact agreements regarding trade and other matters with the bordering states of Mexico.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 481, Government Code, as added by Senate Bill 223, 71st Legislature, Regular Session, 1989, is amended by adding Section 481.059 to read as follows:

Sec. 481.059. COMPACT EXPLORATION COUNCIL. (a) The Compact Exploration Council is established within the department. In this section, "council" means the Compact Exploration Council.

(b) The purpose of the council is to explore, develop, and negotiate interstate compacts relating to trade and other matters with the appropriate officials of each state of the United Mexican States that borders Texas (Chihuahua, Coahuila, Nuevo Leon, and Tamaulipas) and to present negotiated compacts to the Texas Legislature and the appropriate governing bodies of the neighboring states for adoption.

(c) The council is composed of nine members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. Members serve for six-year terms, with three members' terms expiring February 1 of each odd-numbered year. A member may ~~not~~ receive compensation for service on the council but is entitled to reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses reasonably incurred in performing

functions as a member of the council, subject to any applicable limitation on reimbursement provided by the General Appropriations Act.

(d) The governor shall designate the chair from among the members. The chair serves at the will of the governor. The council shall adopt rules for its own procedures, and shall meet at the call of the chair or as provided by council rules.

(e) The department shall provide office space, needed supplies, expertise, the lead staff, and other necessities for the council. The council may receive assistance, expertise, and staffing from the Good Neighbor Commission of Texas, other state agencies as appropriate, and the governor's office.

(f) The governor shall make any initial inquiries and invitations that are necessary on behalf of the council to officials of the neighboring states, the government of the United Mexican States, and the government of the United States. It is the intent of the legislature that the governor invite each of the neighboring states to appoint a body similar to the council that has the authority to explore, develop, and negotiate compacts with the council that may be presented to the appropriate governmental bodies for consideration, adoption, or approval.

(g) The council shall develop issues related to trade and the economy that are appropriate subjects for a compact and present those issues to its counterparts of the neighboring states for their consideration and for negotiation. The council shall also consider, negotiate, and report on issues proposed by their counterparts, the governor, and concurrent resolution of the

1 legislature.

2 (h) The council shall make inquiries, gather information,
3 and seek legal advice as necessary to ensure that its activities
4 and any proposed compact conform to the laws of the United States.

5 (i) The council shall give a written biennial report of its
6 activities to the governor and the presiding officer of each house
7 of the legislature during December of each even-numbered year.

8 (j) The council shall present each proposed compact that has
9 been agreed to by the council and one of its counterparts to the
10 legislature for consideration and possible adoption.

11 SECTION 2. In making the initial appointments to the Compact
12 Exploration Council, the governor shall designate three members for
13 terms expiring in 1991, three members for terms expiring in 1993,
14 and three members for terms expiring in 1995.

15 SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the
16 crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an
17 emergency and an imperative public necessity that the
18 constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several
19 days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

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~~FEB 23 1989~~ 1. Filed with the Chief Clerk.

MAR 8 1989 2. Read first time and Referred to Committee on State, Federal + International Relations

_____ 3. Reported ___ favorably (as amended) (as substituted) and sent to Printer at _____

_____ 4. Printed and distributed at _____

_____ 5. Sent to Committee on Calendars at _____

_____ 6. Read second time (amended); passed to third reading (failed) by (Non-Record Vote) (Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present, not voting).

_____ 7. Motion to reconsider and table the vote by which H.B. _____ was ordered engrossed prevailed (failed) by a (Non-Record Vote) (Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, and _____ present, not voting).

_____ 8. Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days suspended (failed to suspend) by a four-fifths vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, and _____ present, not voting.

_____ 9. Read third time (amended); finally passed (failed) by (Non-Record Vote) (Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present, not voting).

_____ 10. Caption ordered amended to conform to body of bill.

_____ 11. Motion to reconsider and table the vote by which H. B. _____ was finally passed prevailed (failed) by a (Non-Record Vote) (Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, and _____ present, not voting).

_____ 12. Ordered Engrossed at _____

_____ 13. Engrossed.

_____ 14. Returned to Chief Clerk at _____

_____ 15. Sent to Senate.

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Chief Clerk of the House

_____ 16. Received from the House

_____ 17. Read, referred to Committee on _____

_____ 18. Reported favorably

_____ 19. Reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute; Committee Substitute read first time.

_____ 20. Ordered not printed.

_____ 21. Regular order of business suspended by (a viva voce vote.) (_____ yeas, _____ nays.)

_____ 22. To permit consideration, reading and passage, Senate and Constitutional Rules suspended by vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays.

_____ 23. Read second time _____ passed to third reading by:
(a viva voce vote.)
(_____ yeas, _____ nays.)

_____ 24. Caption ordered amended to conform to body of bill.

_____ 25. Senate and Constitutional 3-Day Rules suspended by vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays to place bill on third reading and final passage.

_____ 26. Read third time and passed by
(a viva voce vote.)
(_____ yeas, _____ nays.)

OTHER ACTION: OTHER ACTION:

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Secretary of the Senate

_____ 27. Returned to the House.

_____ 28. Received from the Senate (with amendments.) (as substituted.)

_____ 29. House (Concurred) (Refused to Concur) in Senate (Amendments) (Substitute) by a (Non-Record Vote) (Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present, not voting).

_____ 30. Conference Committee Ordered.

_____ 31. Conference Committee Report Adopted (Rejected) by a (Non-Record Vote) (Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, and _____ present, not voting).

_____ 32. Ordered Enrolled at _____