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ADDRESS BY SPEAKER CLAYTON

Speaker Clayton addressed the opening session of the First Called Session of the 67th Legislature, speaking as follows:

The Texas Constitution requires the Governor, when convening the legislature in called session, to specify the purposes for which the session is convened. This the Governor has done, submitting five subjects for our consideration.

The Constitution restricts the scope of legislative consideration to bills and proposed constitutional amendments embraced by those subjects that the Governor submits. Within the boundaries of these subjects, however, this body has broad discretion. It is the legislature's responsibility to determine the manner in which these subjects are to be addressed.

The Chair may be required to determine from time to time whether specific items of legislation are within the parameters of the subjects the Governor has submitted. In making these determinations, the Chair will be guided by the practice consistently followed by presiding officers of this House and permit the broadest latitude of legislative consideration within the limitations of the Constitution. Only with free and open consideration of all the issues raised by the subjects the Governor has laid before us can representative government function as the framers of our Constitution intended.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The Speaker laid before the House and had read the following message from the Governor:

Austin, Texas, July 15, 1981

To the House of Representatives of the Sixty-seventh Legislature, First Called Session:

For the purpose of clarifying my intent as to Item 2, the "Creation of a Texas water trust fund" in my call for the special session which began on July 13, 1981, I intended that all the items included in **HJR 6** and **HB 8** as reported from committees to the House of Representatives on July 13, 1981, be included, inasmuch as these items had previously been considered in legislation creating a water trust fund in the regular session.

Respectfully submitted,
William P. Clements, Jr.
Governor