Creation of a County Court of Brown County
(HB 2158 by Nabers)

DIGEST: The bill creates a County Court at Law for Brown County.

GOVERNOR'S REASONS FOR VETO: The sponsor of the bill, on behalf of and at the urging of the Commissioners Court of Brown County, requested the veto.

SPONSOR'S VIEW: The commissioners court preferred that the effective date be 1984, rather than 1982 as the bill specified. In the next session, the bill will be submitted again with an effective date of 1984. The Governor was most cooperative.

Texas Antiquities Committee
(HB 2199 by A. Smith)

DIGEST: This bill would have given the Texas Antiquities Committee statutory authority over the archeological resources of Texas and the areas of the state likely to contain these resources. It would have given the committee authority to identify and designate certain landmarks.

GOVERNOR'S REASONS FOR VETO: This attempt to codify rules and regulations of the Texas Antiquities Committee entailed excessive legislative involvement in the regulatory process of state agencies and was a violation of the separation of powers between the executive and legislative branches of government. Furthermore, no change in the Antiquities Commission is warranted at this time because the Commission will be up for Sunset review during the legislative interim.

SPONSOR'S VIEW: The author said he respected the Governor's opinion. Even though the bill passed the consent calendar in both houses and seemed to have wide support, the Governor might have had additional information leading to the veto.