between the Attorney General's position that the company must obtain permission from the Legislature to file suit and the Governor's position that the State of Texas is not involved.

Directing Texas Coastal and Marine Council research
(SCR 100 by Truan)

DIGEST: The resolution would have directed the Texas Coastal and Marine Council to investigate whether Texas ports could provide solid-waste receptacles for commercial ships in order to reduce litter in the Gulf and on Texas beaches. The council would have been directed to contact the ports, commercial ship lines, and state and federal agencies, and to report its findings to the 70th Legislature.

GOVERNOR'S REASONS FOR VETO: The Governor said the resolution had been rendered inoperative because the 69th Legislature allowed the Texas Coastal and Marine Council to expire under the provisions the Sunset Act.

SPONSOR'S VIEW: "You can't require an agency to do something when that agency has been sunsetted by the Legislature," Sen. Truan said of the veto. Truan said his gripe was not with the Governor, but with "those shortsighted ignoramuses who couldn't understand that removing all funds from the marine council would jeopardize our interests on the coast." Maintaining clean beaches is crucial to the state's multi-billion-dollar tourist industry, he said.

NOTES: Sen. Truan is recommending that the Governor create, by executive order, an interagency council to assume the marine council's responsibilities for coastal matters. The agencies involved would be the Department of Parks and Wildlife, the General Land Office, and the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation.