



**MINUTES**  
**11th Texas Silver-Haired Legislature**  
**General Session, Plaza Hotel & Suites**  
**College Station, Texas**  
**September 10, thru September 14, 2007**

Monday, September 10, 2007

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM      Registration was conducted as scheduled.  
 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM      Executive Meeting: See Minutes for EC Meeting.  
 3:15 PM - 4:00 PM      Technology Training. Oscar Garcia announced that this event would be held after dinner, due to scheduling conflicts.

5:00 PM      Committee Meetings were conducted by the Committee Chairs. Due to scheduling conflicts, the LAC meeting was cancelled.

Committee meetings included:

Criminal Justice	Art Olson	
Education	Bobby Southwood	
Health and Human Res	Margaret Williamson	
Human Services	Adalaide Cash Balaban	
Insurance	“Pete” Hinojosa	
Retirement & Aging	Brigitte Rogers	
State Affairs	Dr. John Holcomb	
Utilities & Natural Res	“Dick” Landry	
General	Maurice Osborn (Jane Lanier)	Select a New Name
Communication	Dolores Tousignant	
Election & Credentials	Walter Graham	
Finance	David Baltimore	Select Dir. Chair
Operations	Ralph O’Dell	

6:30 PM – Till      Dinner & Program  
 Donald Brodnax, Deep East Texas, introduced the evening Speaker, Walter Diggles, Executive Director, Deep East Texas.

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**Tuesday, September 11, 2007**

- A. 8:20 AM Speaker Parks Called the meeting to Order,
- B. Invocation, Chaplain, Claude Williamson, Remember the tragedy of 911
- C. Pledge to US & Texas Flags, Presley Donaldson
- D. Introduce Guests Speaker Parks introduced Ken Perkins, son of Tom Perkins, and appointed Ken to act as the time keeper.
- E. Roll Call was made and a Quorum established with 61 members present.  
Secretary, Carlos Higgins
- F. Speaker's Remarks  
Speaker Parks reminded the members that "We are united for seniors."
- G. Adoption of General Session Agenda  
The Agenda was adopted without changes.
- H. Adoption of General Session Rules  
The last paragraph was corrected to include a sentence that had been inadvertently omitted, and the Rules were then adopted.
- J. General Announcements -  
None
- K. Texercise Announcements - Walter Graham  
Walter Graham announced the turnout for the Texercise outing.  
Betty Streckfuss discussed the importance of pending legislation in Congress regarding funding for the Older Americans Act.

10:00 AM –Consider Amendments

Harthia Bockman moved that all 40 of the Amendments that had been proposed be considered by the membership. After some discussion, the motion was defeated.

Brigitte Rogers asked for clarification on the votes by the Executive Committee concerning proposed amendments not being forwarded. The question was echoed by Dick Landry.

Ivan Arceneaux pointed out that the Executive Committee had already decided which amendments would be forwarded.

Walter Graham explained his process used in counting the votes.

Narris Braly quoted sections of the Bylaws regarding voting.

Speaker Parks called on the author of the first amendment to present it.

The membership then considered the proposed amendments in the order that is shown below. The disposition of each amendment and action taken is shown in the right-hand column.

During discussion, on a Point of Order, Ivan Arceneaux called for restraint by members when characterizing the opinions of other members.

<p>1. Bylaws Article IX Page 10          Requiring a 2/3 Vote by the membership in order to adopt a Resolution will insure that all resolutions adopted by the TSHL have strong support within the organization.          Elinor Pape, Alan Abraham, Adalaide Cash Balaban and Gail Johnson</p>	<p><b>Failed.</b> After extensive discussion.</p>
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During discussion of Amendment #2, Tom Perkins, recognized by the Speaker, moved that these words be deleted from the proposed amendment: “the Texas Legislature and the United States Congress, as well as.” The motion was seconded and adopted.

<p>2. Policy and Procedures Handbook Chapter III, Sec. C, Page 11.          This is a matter of organization of the P &amp; P Handbook. Moves a paragraph from Chapter III to Chapter II, and renumbers other paragraphs.          Narris Braly, C. J. Brisbin, Brigitte Rogers, Harthia Bockmon</p>	<p><b>Adopted</b>, as amended</p>
<p>3. Bylaws Art. XII, Sec. 3, Page 13          Remove the existing requirement to keep Amendments in the Appendix of the Bylaws to avoid creating a bulky document.          Narris Braly, Ralph O’Dell, John Holcomb, Harthia Bockmon</p>	<p><b>Adopted</b></p>
<p>4. Bylaws Art. VII, Sec. 2.B., Page 9          If two or more officer positions become vacant within a 3-month period, those vacancies would be filled by popular vote of the entire TSHL membership. A vacancy in the Deputy Speaker Pro-Tem position would also be filled by popular vote of the entire TSHL membership. This would give the membership a voice in filling these important positions.          Narris Braly, Ralph O’Dell, John Holcomb, Harthia Bockmon</p>	<p><b>Failed – Not</b> forwarded by EC.</p>
<p>5. Bylaws Art. VII, Sec. 2, Page 8          Remove the authority of the EC to allow TSHL Officers to also chair committees, and prohibit such dual roles on the basis that the officers are already ex-officio members of the committees and should devote their time and attention to their duties and responsibilities in their elected officer position, plus there are sufficient numbers of members from which to select committee chairs.          Narris Braly, Ralph O’Dell, John Holcomb, Harthia Bockmon</p>	<p><b>Failed – Not</b> forwarded by EC.</p>

<p>6. Bylaws Art. VII, Sec. 1, Page 8  The section on Composition of the Executive Committee would be expanded to clarify the manner in which AAA Area representatives to the EC will be selected, and that vacancies would be filled in like manner.  Narris Braly, Ralph O'Dell, John Holcomb, Harthia Bockmon</p>	<p><b>Failed – Not forwarded by EC.</b></p>
<p>7. Bylaws Art. VI, Sec. 1, Page 7  This Amendment would move a provision from Art. VI to Art. VII, and clarify that an Orientation will be held 90 days after the TSHL general election date, and would not follow after each member's appointment.  Narris Braly, John Holcomb, Ralph O'Dell, Harthia Bockmon</p>	<p><b>Adopted</b></p>
<p>8. Bylaws Art. V, Sec. 5, E, Page 7  To require a departing Comptroller to present all documents and items pertinent to all TSHL financial operations to the TSHL Finance Committee, so the Finance Committee may conduct an internal audit.  Narris Braly, John Holcomb, Ralph O'Dell, Harthia Bockmon</p>	<p><b>Failed – Not forwarded by EC.</b></p>
<p>9. Policy &amp; Procedures Handbook, Chapter II, Art. B, Sec 7, Page 5  Stop prioritizing TSHL Resolutions and remove all references to prioritizing Resolutions because there is no requirement to do so, the Texas Legislature does not do this, and the practice merely fuels egos and causes Resolutions to be treated unequally.  Narris Braly, Ralph O'Dell, John Holcomb, Harthia Bockmon</p>	<p><b>Adopted</b> (Division of the House)</p>
<p>10. Bylaws Art. V, Sec. 5, D, 5, Page 6  Clarify that the TSHL Secretary is the officer who will keep the voting member roll current, as the logical officer to perform this task.  Narris Braly, John Holcomb, Ralph O'Dell, Harthia Bockmon</p>	<p><b>Passed</b></p>
<p>11. Bylaws Art. V, Sec. 5, D, 1, Page 6.  Require the Secretary to distribute Draft Minutes 30 days prior to the next meeting, to give members adequate time to study them and propose corrections, etc. prior to the next meeting.  Narris Braly, John Holcomb, Ralph O'Dell, Harthia Bockmon</p>	<p><b>Passed</b></p>
<p>12. Bylaws Art. V, Sec. 3, Page 5  This provision would prohibit offers to resign or conditional resignations, and establish that only individual non-conditional resignations given in writing to the Executive Committee are acceptable.  Narris Braly, John Holcomb, Ralph O'Dell, Harthia Bockmon</p>	<p><b>Failed – Not forwarded by EC.</b></p>

<p>13. Election &amp; Credentials Manual Chap. II, Art. A, Sec. 1,2,3 Page 3 &amp; 4 Provisions for the CAPCO Area would be removed to make the 5<sup>th</sup> position in the CAPCO area the same as other TSHL candidates and members regarding qualifications. Narris Braly, Ralph O'Dell, John Holcomb, , Harthia Bockmon</p>	<p><b>Failed</b> – Not forwarded by EC.</p>
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On a Point of order: Tom Perkins, asked the Parliamentarian how this proposal applied to Robert' Rules of Order. Parliamentarian Lu Russell said it was worded very well, and does not conflict with Roberts Rules: that it does not tie the body to anything.

Ralph O'Dell: proposed that Emeritus members be appointed to serve on the committee. Speaker Parks ruled that: an amendment such as that should be written up. She called for the amendment to be tabled until the amendment to the amendment is written up, either later today or tomorrow.

<p>14. Bylaws, Art. IV, Sec. 4, C Page 4 Establish an Ethics Review Panel and establish a procedure to file complaints regarding TSHL conduct for resolution by the Exec. Committee. A.G. Pete Hinojosa, Chris Kyker, Adalaide Balaban</p>	<p>Tabled until amendment could be reduced to writing.</p>
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<p>15. Policy &amp; Procedures Handbook Chap. III, Sec. C, Page 11 This proposal would substantially redefine the responsibilities and duties of the Legislative Action Committee. The changes are too extensive to briefly describe, so please compare the proposal with existing language. Narris Braly, C. J. Brisbin, Brigitte Rogers, Harthia Bockmon</p>	<p><b>Failed</b> – Not forwarded by EC.</p>
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<p>16. ELECTION AND CREDENTIALS MANUAL Chapter I Article __, Section __, Page 3 This proposal assigns and clarifies responsibility for resolving issues relating to the TSHL election process. This is a new policy statement that clearly states that the responsibility resides with TSHL. Chris Kyker, Maurice Osborn, Adalaide Cash Balaban</p>	<p><b>Adopted</b> as amended to clarify language.</p>
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<p>17. ELECTION AND CREDENTIALS MANUAL Chapter II Article __, Section B Page 4 This amendment provides for consistent information to be developed by the TSHL E&amp;C Committee to be used by the local AESC in the orientation of prospective candidates for TSHL Chris Kyker, Maurice Osborn, Adalaide Cash Balaban</p>	<p><b>Adopted</b></p>
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<p>18. ELECTION &amp; CREDENTIALS MANUAL Chapter II Section E , Page 5  This amendment clarifies that although TSHL Election Rules may mirror the Texas Election Code in most instances, the TSHL Election and Credentials Handbook is the official document governing TSHL elections.  Chris Kyker, Maurice Osborn, Adalaide Cash Balaban</p>	<p><b>Adopted</b></p>
<p>19. ELECTION &amp; CREDENTIALS MANUAL  This amendment addresses the selection of poll watchers, designates the method to request Early Ballots, restricts candidates from distributing Early Ballots, and addresses requirements for an early ballot to be counted.  Chris Kyker, Maurice Osborn, Adalaide Cash Balaban</p>	<p><b>Adopted</b>, after much discussion but no action on showing birth date on form.</p>
<p>20. ELECTION &amp; CREDENTIALS MANUAL Chapter II Article __, Section J, Page 7  This amendment removes the handling of contested elections from the local AESC to the TSHL Election &amp; Credentials Committee and TSHL Officers for disposition, and nd provides a way for a complaint to be managed within TSHL. Chris Kyker, Maurice Osborn, Adalaide Balaban</p>	<p><b>Adopted</b></p>
<p>21. ELECTION AND CREDENTIALS MANUAL Chapter II Article __, Section M , Page 8  This amendment clarifies procedures and rules regarding Recall of a TSHL member, requires that a hearing be held and authorizes the TSHL Executive Committee to make the final decision on recalls..  Chris Kyker, Maurice Osborn, Adalaide Cash Balaban</p>	<p><b>Adopted</b></p>
<p>22. Bylaws Article VII Section 2 Page 8 Article VII Section 2 Page 8  Designate the TSHL Secretary to notify TSHL members of a Special Session, and timely notify alternate EC members of any EC meeting.  Betty Streckfuss, Gail Johnson, Oscar Garcia</p>	<p><b>Adopted</b></p>
<p>23. Bylaws Article X Section 4 Page 11  Insure each Committee has leadership and representation on the EC, by allowing committee members to timely fill vacancies or provide alternates, including voting by phone or by email.  Betty Streckfuss, Gail Johnson, Oscar Garcia</p>	<p><b>Adopted</b>, with technical change in language.</p>

<p>24. Bylaws Article V Section 5.A (B. 3) Page 6  Clarify the role of the Deputy Speaker Pro Tem regarding funding activities, as one who facilitates rather than dictates or coordinates among those groups and individuals involved in TSHL funding activities.  Betty Streckfuss, Gail Johnson, Oscar Garcia</p>	<p><b>Adopted</b></p>
<p>25. Bylaws Article IV Section 4 Page 7  To clarify that new members are expected to attend orientations related to their committee assignments, and that committee officers are expected to attend a session on leadership of their assigned committees.  Betty Streckfuss, Gail Johnson, Oscar Garcia</p>	<p><b>Adopted</b>, with small correction in language.</p>

A Memorial Service was conducted by Brigitte Rogers and Tom Perkins, in memory of TSHL members who had passed away in recent months. These included:

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| Jim Caldwell        | Betty Gunnerson     | Naomi Norton              |
| Randie Cook         | C.W. "Dub" Hoffmann | Rachael Beall Von Tunglen |
| May Della Everett   | Earl Landis         | Glen Peterson             |
| Myna Green          | Doris Langton       | Raymond Nolan             |
| Felix "Hoot" Gibson | Dorothy McDaniel    |                           |

A Recess was declared by the Speaker for the noon meal.

During the afternoon, training was given as follows:

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| 1:10 PM - 2:10 PM | Organization Structure | Ed Dylla          |
| 2:15 PM – 3:15 PM | Public Speaking –      | LeeRoy Kiesling   |
| 3:15 PM – 4:15 PM | Leadership –           | Presley Donaldson |
| 4:15 PM – 5:15 PM | Media –                | Dr. John Holcomb  |

6:30 PM – Till Dinner & Program  
The evening speaker was Michael Wilson, from DADS Aging Texas Well.

Speaker Parks and Brigitte Rogers presented a number of awards to members of the TSHL and others.  
The Honorable Hazel Wright and Tom Perkins were each recognized as a recipient of the TSHL Emeritus Award.

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**Wednesday September 12, 2007**

- A. The Session was called to Order by Speaker Parks
- B. Invocation was presented by Chaplain Claude Williamson. He also requested the help of all members in staying informed of those with health problems.
- C. Pledge to US & Texas Flag was led by Ed Dylla

Parliamentarian Lu Russell clarified an action taken the previous day in invoking the “laying on the table” of a motion.

D. Introduce Guests

Ken Perkins was introduced and the Speaker expressed appreciation for his efforts as timekeeper. Harold Wright was introduced and thanked for his efforts. Other members’ spouses were acknowledged.

E. Roll Call & Establish a Quorum, Secretary, Carlos Higgins called the roll and announced that a quorum was present. (64)

The remaining proposed amendments were then considered, beginning with number 14, which had been delayed from the previous day in order to offer two amendments in writing. Consideration of this Amendment was temporarily delayed further until a sufficient number of copies could be provided.

A short discussion was held about “Aging Texas Well” in connection with home-bound meals and allowing seniors to age well in their homes.

<p>26, Art. VII, Executive Committee Page 8 Add Sec. 1, B. To insure all members have appropriate representation on the Executive Committee by giving them the opportunity to express their preferences, and to instruct EC members to give due consideration to preferences expressed by the members they represent. Carlos Higgins, Chris Kyker, Oscar Garcia, Maurice Osborn, Homer Lear, Gail Johnson</p>	<p><b>Adopted</b></p>
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Amendment 27 drew considerable discussion. In order to speak against adoption of it, Speaker Parks called upon Speaker Pro Tem Oscar Garcia to preside. The discussion also included questions about two versions of #27 being offered. The amendment was tabled until questions could be resolved by the author.



28. Bylaws Article V, Section 4, Page 5 Fill vacant officer positions by majority vote of the committee, rather than reach a deadlock under a 2/3 requirement. Carlos Higgins, Ed Dylla, Chris Kyker, Betty Streckfuss, Oscar Garcia, Maurice Osborn, Homer Lear, Gail Johnson	<b>Adopted</b>
29. Bylaws Article IV, Section 7, Page 5 Section 7, B. Create additional awards to be given to deserving members of the TSHL for notable service. Carlos Higgins, Ed Dylla, Chris Kyker, Betty Streckfuss, Oscar Garcia, Maurice Osborn, Gail Johnson	<b>Adopted</b>
30. Bylaws Article VII, Section 2, B Page 9 Section 2, B, Add 16 Allow the Executive Committee to create committees. Carlos Higgins, Ed Dylla, Chris Kyker, Betty Streckfuss, Oscar Garcia, Maurice Osborn, Gail Johnson	<b>Failed</b>

A Break was requested and promptly granted by Speaker Parks

31. Bylaws Article XI, Page 12 Section 2. For operational issues NOT covered by TSHL rules, allow issue to be resolved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote Carlos Higgins, Ed Dylla, Chris Kyker, Betty Streckfuss, Oscar Garcia, Maurice Osborn, Gail Johnson	<b>Failed</b>
32. Bylaws. Article VII, Section 1, B Page 8 Section 1 Provide a more positive way to determine the number of members and voting strength of the Executive Committee Carlos Higgins, Ed Dylla, Chris Kyker, Betty Streckfuss, Oscar Garcia, Maurice Osborn, Homer Lear, Gail Johnson	<b>Adopted</b>
33. Request AAA telephone menu messages to provide clear instructions regarding TSHL elections. Ralph O'Dell, John Holcomb, Narris Braly	<b>Failed – Not forwarded by EC.</b>
34. Require voters in TSHL elections to give their date of birth. Ralph O'Dell, John Holcomb, Narris Braly	<b>Failed – Not forwarded by EC.</b>
35. Provide a form allowing voters to request absentee ballots. Ralph O'Dell, John Holcomb, Narris Braly	<b>Adopted</b>

Speaker Parks called for Amendment # 27 to be considered at this time.

The expanded version did receive three signatures, so it was considered. Dr. Campbell moved that it be amended to the language he originally included in his “short form”

version. That amendment to the amendment was approved. The “short form” of Amendment 27 was then approved.

<p>27. Bylaws Article 7, section 1, page 5 Insure fair and equal input of all AAA Area members in the selection of their representative to the Executive Committee. Al Campbell, Chris Kyker, Chester Cunningham, Gail Johnson, Carlos Higgins, Lynn Crisp</p>	<p><b>Adopted, as amended.</b></p>
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Speaker Parks again called up Amendment # 14 for consideration. An amendment to the amendment was presented by Ralph O’Dell, which would prescribe that members of the Ethics Review Panel would be TSHL Emeritus members. After considerable discussion, that amendment was defeated.

A second amendment to the amendment, by Carlos Higgins, required that any complaint to the Ethics Review Panel be only by a member of the TSHL. That amendment was adopted.

<p>14. Bylaws, Art. IV, Sec. 4, C Page 4 Establish an Ethics Review Panel and establish a procedure to file complaints regarding TSHL conduct for resolution by the Exec. Committee. A.G. Pete Hinojosa, Chris Kyker, Adalaide Balaban</p>	<p><b>Adopted, as amended.</b></p>
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Amendment 36, which would have banned lobbyists from membership in the TSHL, drew lengthy discussion. The time limit for discussion was twice extended by vote of the body. An amendment to the amendment was adopted, but the basic amendment failed to pass.

<p>36. Article IV Section 1 Page_3_ To ban all past or present lobbyists from membership in the TSHL, in order for the TSHL to continue to be an effective advocate for Texas seniors. C. J. Brisbin, Brigitte Rogers, Narris Braly, Thomas Perkins,</p>	<p><b>Failed.</b> Considered in response to successful petition</p>
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<p>37. Change TSHL elections to odd years. This Amendment includes a comprehensive tentative schedule for the next 3 years, so it deserves your attention. Narris Braly, John Holcomb, Ralph O’Dell</p>	<p><b>Failed</b> – Not forwarded by EC.</p>
<p>38. Removal of an officer; adds specific requirements for removal, rather than “in the interest of the TSHL.” Narris Braly, John Holcomb, Ralph O’Dell</p>	<p><b>Failed</b> – Not forwarded by EC.</p>
<p>39. TSHL member positions not filled at the local level by election or appointment would become “at-large” positions and be filled by the Executive Committee. Narris Braly, John Holcomb, Ralph O’Dell</p>	<p><b>Failed</b> – Not forwarded by EC.</p>

<p>40. This Amendment addresses the delegation of Election Duties, as between the TSHL and AAAs. Narris Braly, John Holcomb, Ralph O'Dell</p>	<p><b>Failed</b> – Not forwarded by EC.</p>
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**Linda Parrish** expressed her great appreciation for the work done on behalf of the TSHL by about 20 individuals she identified as doing the “lion’s” share of the work. **Ken Perkins** expressed his appreciation for the TSHL and its work, and complimented members for being able to voice disagreements, but to then resolve their differences in a highly civil process.

**Lu Russell** took the opportunity, as Parliamentarian, to deliver a procedures lesson to the members. She made clear that once a document is offered to the TSHL, it belongs to the membership of the TSHL. It is no longer the property of the author, and there is no requirement to seek the consent of the author to amend the document.

**Speaker Parks** commended the membership for their conduct and fine efforts in getting through the amendments.

Ivan Arceneaux noted his recurring distribution of gift beads as a way to encourage “bonding” among members, and announced he had more, especially for anyone who did not receive an award the previous evening.

The morning session was recessed by Speaker Parks.

During the afternoon, training was given as follows:

- 1;10 PM – 3:10 PM      Grant Writing – Dr. John Holcomb
- 3:15 PM – 4:15 PM      Directory    Betty Streckfuss
- 4:15 PM – 5:15 PM      Town Hall Meetings    Chris Kyker

6:30 – Till    Dinner & Program

**Ralph O'Dell** introduced staff members from Rep. Fred Brown’s office. The evening’s speaker, Milikov Cekic, spoke about smart designs for community and housing developments

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**Thursday September 13, 2007**

A. Speaker Parks Called the meeting to Order,

- B. Invocation was given by Chaplain, Claude Williamson, who also noted those who were dealing with ill-health.
- C. Pledge to US & Texas Flags was led by Art Olson – who was recovering from very recent heart surgery.
- D. Introduction of Guests None
- E. Roll Call was made and a quorum was established by Secretary, Carlos Higgins

Narris Braly expressed the hope that members had thoroughly enjoyed meeting in College Station for this session. He then moved that Secretary Higgins be given the responsibility of seeing to it that the amendments were properly incorporated. Carlos Higgins called for discussion as to who exactly would be doing what in the incorporation of the amendments to the bylaws and other documents.

Chris Kyker volunteered to oversee the effort to incorporate the amendments. After the incorporation and editing, the amended documents would be sent to the Communications Committee for printing and distribution.

Pat Porter established that distribution would be made during the next Orientation session. In response to a question by Narris Braly, Chris Kyker addressed the need to get the changes to the AAAs prior to the next TSHL election.

In response to a question by Tom Perkins, the Speaker announced that the effective date for each amendment was the date of approval by the membership. Carlos Higgins announced that as soon as the documents were ready, they'd be on the TSHL WEB page, available for review and downloading. He then urged that the members involved in incorporating the changes be given the membership's approval to make conforming changes in related documents and forms, to specifically include the removal of language that led to doubt about whether lobbyists were banned from membership. He moved this authority be approved as an amendment to the motion made by Narris Braly regarding the incorporation of amendments.

The amendment to the amendment was approved, and then the Braly motion was adopted. (This was the process outlined for incorporating the amendments, and then printing and distributing the documents.)

9:00 AM – 11:30 AM Legislative Issues Reports (5 mi. limit (Chairs give copy of report to TSHL Secretary)

- Criminal Justice, Art Olson: Nothing to report.
- Education, Bobby Southwood: Report given by Linda Parrish.
- Health and Human Resources, Margaret Williamson
- Human Service, Adalaide Cash Balaban

- Insurance, “Pete” Hinojosa
- Retirement & Aging, Brigitte Rogers
- State Affairs, Dr. John Holcomb

Speaker Parks discussed the pending appointment by the AAA of LaVerne Peterson to finish out the term of the Honorable Glen Peterson.

- Utilities & Natural Resources, Dick Landry
- General, Maurice Osborn -Announce new Name of Committee: Jane Lanier

There was discussion of the new name for the committee, proposed to be Rural and Urban Affairs Committee. A motion was made by Chris Kyker to adopt the name.. A motion to change the name to Rural – Urban Affairs Committee was approved, and then the main motion was adopted.

A Break was taken.

#### Administrative Committee Reports

(5 minutes limit) (Chair give copy of report to TSHL Secretary)

- Communication, Dolores Tousignant
- Election & Credentials, Walter Graham by Jim Brisbin
- Finance, David Baltimore (Announce new Chair of Silver Directory) by Harvey Fredriksson.
- Operations, Ralph O’Dell
- Legislative Action, Carlos Higgins

Technology, Oscar Garcia

Emeritus, Brigitte Rogers

Executive Committee Report (Betty Streckfuss)

Training Committee, Dr. John Holcomb

Silver Bulletin, Ivan Arceneaux

Strategic Plan, Al Campbell

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the 2007-2010 Strategic Plan in the committee report, as distributed. The motion passed unanimously.

TSHL Officers Report

- Oscar Garcia, Speaker Pro Tem
- Betty Streckfuss, Deputy Speaker Pro Tem
- Carlos Higgins, Secretary
- Gail Johnson, Comptroller

Speaker’s Remarks Speaker Parks

Commended Pat Porter and Lu Russell

Commended the training efforts and town hall progress.

Barbara Effenberger expressed appreciation for all those who helped with the hospitality room.

Benediction was given by Chaplain Claude Williamson, who noted there are too many seniors in small communities whose needs are being overlooked.

The Session was Adjourned Sine Die, by Oscar Garcia, Speaker Pro Tem

Respectfully submitted,

Carlos Higgins  
TSHL Secretary