

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
JUNE 22, 2015
APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
LHD-2015-0002
4004 Avenue G

PROPOSAL

Construct a 2 story addition to the rear of a circa 1929 contributing house.

ARCHITECTURE

The building is a circa 1929 one-story brick sided, side gabled with a full width front porch craftsman residential building.

HISTORY

Jerome and Nancie Sneed lived in the house for the first 3 decades of the buildings history. Jerome, or Jerry, was a prominent lawyer in town establishing what would become Austin's oldest law firm, Sneed in Vine, in 1926. Sneed was active in the Democratic Party and served as a District Committeeman and served on the State Democratic Executive Committee. Sneed was also a member of the Masons. He was an advisor of Governors Beauford Jester, Jim Ferguson and Miriam Ferguson and also was counselor for the Better Business Bureau and Temple Beth Israel. . Jerome was the father to Robert Sneed, another prominent lawyer who was active in the Democratic Party.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

Redesign the front porch to include craftsman style tapered pier and beam corner porch supports and a new guardrail

Construct a two story addition on the rear portion of the existing building. The two story addition will be set behind the main side gabled portion of the original building and it will have a hipped roof. The new additions will be frame and sided in cementitious fiberboard to match the size and profile of the siding that is currently on the rear and sides of the existing buildings. New windows on the addition will be one over one double hung painted wood windows. A very rear portion of the addition will be a one story addition and it will include an attached garage to be entered from the rear of the property. The entire addition carries craftsman details throughout, with exposed rafter beams and craftsman porch details at the rear porch as well.

STANDARDS FOR REVIEW

3.4: Porches Front porches are an integral part of the character of homes in Hyde Park. Consider the architectural style of the house if making decisions about changes to the front porch. Preserve the original front and street-side porches. Do not enclose open front and street-side ground-floor porches with screening, glass, or other enclosure materials. Screens are appropriate for rear porches or other porches, including second-floor front porches.

4. Residential Standards: Additions to Contributing Single Family and Multi-Family Structures

Items of most concern are finished floor height, floor-to-floor heights, roof heights and pitches, fenestration pattern, porch size and location, setbacks, and an overall scale that reflects neighborhood patterns.

4.1: Preservation of Historic Character

Construct additions so as to require the removal or modification of a minimum of historic fabric. Do not construct additions which will require the removal of any portion of the front façade. Design additions to existing residential buildings to reflect the form and style of the existing house.

4.2: Location

Locate new additions and alterations to the rear or rear side of the building so that they will be less visible from the street.

4.3: Roof, Fenestration, and Siding

1. Make the pitch and height of the roof of the addition compatible to that of the existing house.
2. Make windows visible from the street on any addition compatible with those on the existing house in terms of sash configuration, proportion, spacing and placement.
3. Use exterior siding materials on the addition which match or are compatible with that of the existing house.

4.4 Size and Scale of Additions:

1. Design additions to have the same floor-to-ceiling height as the existing house.
2. Locate second story additions at least 15' back from the front house wall. The front house wall is the exterior wall closest to the street. Houses on corner lots have only one front wall.
3. Design additions so that they do not overwhelm the original building.
4. Do not raise a first story to become a second story.

Recommendations:

1. Extend the existing roof line in the rear of the house to accommodate an addition wherever possible.
2. Consider adding one-story additional to one-story houses.
3. Wherever possible, build additions in existing attic space without raising the roof height. Consider the construction of attic dormers opening to the side or rear of the house to open underused attic space. Design side wall heights on second floor additions to be in scale and proportion to the original house.
4. Where attic heights are adequate to support second floor living space, dormers or rear additions that do not exceed the original roof ridge height are preferable, as are side walls that maintain the same proportions.
5. Do not locate windows so as to invade the privacy of neighboring properties.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Certificate of Appropriateness Committee reviewed this project and recommended it for review with one change to the roof of the 2nd story addition, which the applicant has incorporated.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the proposal as submitted as the design meets all of the standards of the Hyde Park Design Standard that relate to additions

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The design modifications to the existing porch remove unsympathetic design elements and add porch supports that are compatible with the style and architecture of the building.

The project meets this standard.

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The addition is on the rear of the building and does not affect the front façade of the building. As rear second story addition is on top of an existing floor, they are modifying minimal history material from the existing building.

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The addition uses a hipped roof on the 2 story addition and a rear facing gable on the one story portion of the addition. While the house has side gabled roof, a hipped roof was needed do to McMansion tent requirements. The COA committee recommended that both the north and south gable end be the same, therefore ruling out the use of a gable ended addition. All the windows on the addition and the exterior siding material are compatible with the existing structure.

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The rear addition has the same floor to ceiling height as the existing home and the second story portion of this addition is more than 15 feet from the front façade. While the addition is a second story addition and it is visible from the street, as it is using similar architectural detail and materials it does not overwhelm the existing building.

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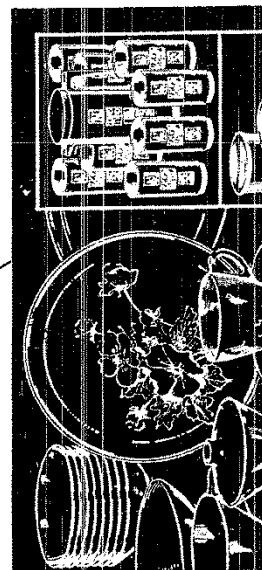
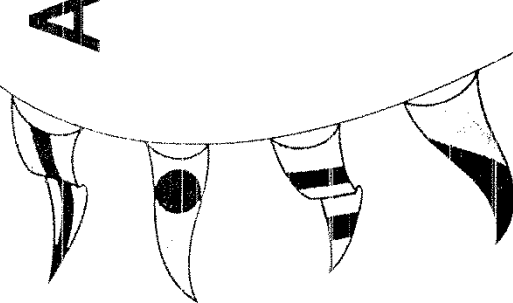
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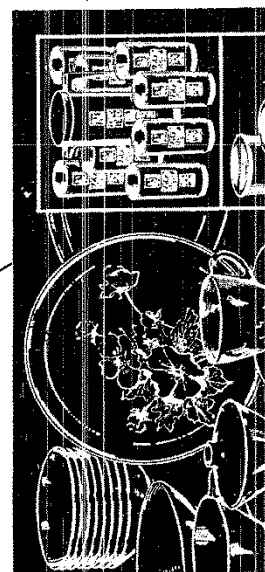
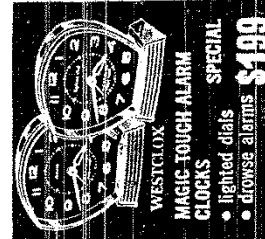
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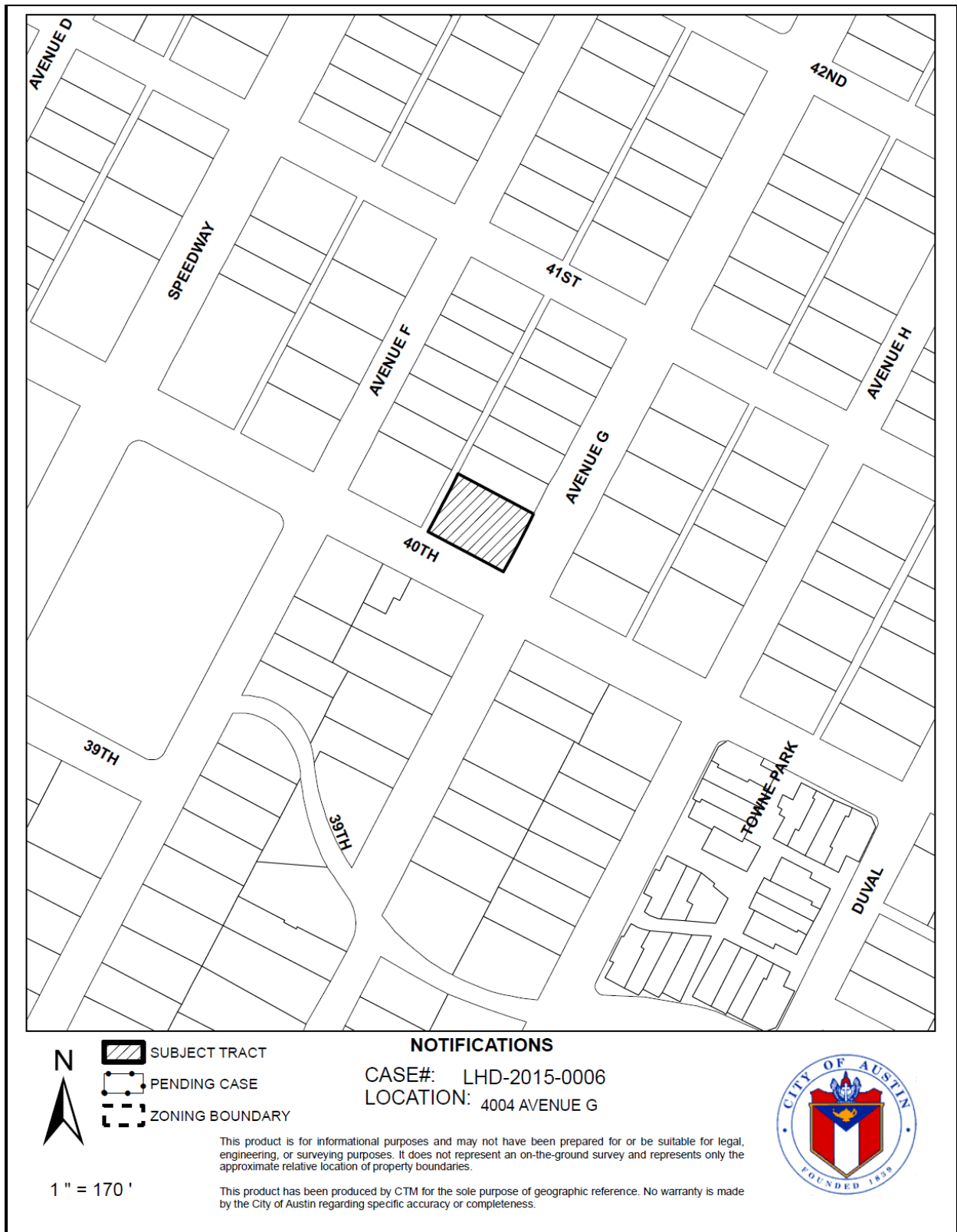
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OCCUPANCY HISTORY

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City Directory Research, Austin History Center

By City Historic Preservation Office

April, 2015

1992	A. Gladys Claire, owner- Retired B. Margaret Grayson, renter- No Occupation
1985-86	Hyde Park Baptist Church- Missionary House
1981	Hyde Park Baptist Church- Missionary House
1977	Hyde Park Baptist Church- Missionary House
1973	Hyde Park Baptist Church- Sunday School Rooms
1968	Emil and Agnes Motloch, owner Mechanic at City Street and Bridge Division.
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1932-43	Jerome R. and Nancie E, Sneed Lawyer
1930-31	Jerome R. and Nancie E, Sneed Lawyer
1929	Not Listed

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

Jerome R. Sneed Jr

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Lawyer Succumbs

Jerome Sneed Jr., long-time Austin lawyer, died Wednesday in a local hospital following an extended illness.

Sneed began practicing law here in 1926 after he was graduated from the University of Texas, and his practice grew into the firm of Sneed and Vine with 10 lawyers.

Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Weed-Cortey Funeral Home, Rev. William P. Caldwell and Rev. Tom C. McGee officiating. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Pecan Grove Cemetery, McKinney.

A native of McKinney, he was born Nov. 13, 1898, and attended Trinity University, then located in Waxahachie. After teaching school for a while in Collins County, Sneed came to Austin and worked his way through UT.

Sneed was active in state Democratic party ranks, serving once as 10th District committeeman on the State Democratic Executive Committee. He was a close friend and advisor of Governors Beauford Jester, Jim Ferguson and Mrs. Miriam Ferguson.

Sneed was a former chief claims clerk with the State Banking Department and served with the State Tax Board. He was a director for 12 years with City National Bank and was a director of Walter Tips Co. The Better Business Bureau and Temple Beth Israel honored him several years ago as a counselor.

Survivors include his widow; a son, Robert C. Sneed, local lawyer; a daughter, Mrs. Harry Vine III, a brother, John T. Sneed, and a sister, Miss Ruth Sneed, Dallas; and six grandchildren.

Pallbearers in Austin will be Louis Wilkerson, John Selman, Sam Perry, Forrest Troutman, Jack Darrouzet and George Ramsey III.

McKinney pallbearers will be Judge Clarence Dowdy, Leonard Ford, H. A. Eubank, Stubby Abernathy, Forrest Carter and Wofford Thompson.

Austin American: February 20, 1967

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Austin American: February 21, 1967

Late Jerome Sneed Jr. served bureau well

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Service Representative Susan Maynard, VOE Student, started working for the Bureau in June, 1977 full-time for the summer. She processes and keeps records of all complaints and assists in answering telephone inquiries. Her office training consists of varied duties and in the use of all office machines and equipment.



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In the very early months of the formation of the Better Business Bureau of Austin, Inc. in 1951, the Board of Directors voted to seek the legal services of Jerome Sneed Jr. as legal counsel.

Sneed, well-known throughout this community for his high principles in the conduct of his personal and pro-

fessional affairs, gave generously of his time and talents for the betterment of his community and for many years served the BBB well.

In May, 1967, following Sneed's death, the Board of Directors for the Better Business Bureau passed a Resolution expressing a sincere gratitude for his service to the BBB.

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JESTER SUPPORTERS OPEN HEADQUARTERS*The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Jun 12, 1946;*ProQuest Historical Newspapers: The Austin American Statesman
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JESTER SUPPORTERS OPEN HEADQUARTERS

Travis County headquarters for Beauford H. Jester's campaign for governor opened Wednesday in the Driskill Hotel with **Jerome Sneed, Jr.**, Austin lawyer, as chairman.

Secretary is Mrs. Jackie Dies Yett, first cousin of former Congressman Martin Dies and widow of Dick Yett, former Austin lawyer.

Campaign headquarters are located in room 264 off the hotel mezzanine, the same rooms Mrs. Yett pointed out, where General Robert E. Lee stayed when he visited in Austin while stationed in Texas.

Sneed said work at the headquar-

ters would get underway immediately. The Austin campaign is sponsored by friends of the candidate for governor.

Sneed, an enthusiastic Jester backer, issued the following statement:

"Knowing Mr. Jester's record as a Christian gentleman, the love of his people in his native county, his outstanding service as an infantryman in World War I, his constructive leadership of University of Texas affairs when he served as a regent during 1929-1935 and helped supervise the large building program on the campus, his ability to be an executive as shown by his record as railroad commissioner during World War II, we believe that he possesses that character of leadership which Texas needs at this time.

"He is quiet and collected, possesses an ability for cool impersonal judgment and hence holds the respect of all our people."

500 Masons Due At Master Service: Committees Announced For Ceremonial*The Austin American (1914-1973); Nov 2, 1930;*

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500 Masons Due At Master Service

Committees Announced For Ceremonial

Master Masons of Central Texas, numbering approximately 500, will assemble for the ceremony Monday night at the Scottish Rite cathedral when the Master's degree will be conferred in full form and ceremony on Jerome Sneed Jr., Austin attorney. It was announced Saturday by R. N. Wickline, worshipful master of Austin lodge No. 12.

Examining committees for the ceremony have been named as follows: J. R. Moore, George Beville, J. A. Warren and E. E. Baker, chairmen; W. S. Kingsbury, E. W. Stokes, Banks McLaurin, John T. Cox, O. G. Williams, L. B. Rander-son, Wyle E. Glaze and Don C. Peterson.

Bull Directs Music

Music for the degree ceremonial will be in charge of Howard Bull as chairman. Edwin Norton and J. Campbell Wray will be soloists and W. H. Barrett will be at the organ. Quartet numbers will be given by Edwin Norton, bass; Howard W. Bull, baritone; J. Campbell Wray, first tenor; and Homer W. Griffiths, second tenor.

The registration committee comprises C. T. Harrison, chairman; S. D. Heffington, H. T. Kluge Jr. and E. H. Weber.

Officers of Austin lodge No. 12, who will be in charge of the ceremonial, are: R. N. Wickline, worshipful master; J. M. C. Pharr, senior warden; J. Bascom Gilles, junior warden; H. Pfafflin, treasurer; W. H. Simmons, secretary; W. C. Tenney, chaplain; E. G. Moorhead, senior deacon; H. H. Hankey, junior deacon; Bruce Burke, senior steward; V. E. Taylor, junior steward and Edward White, tiller.

Besides these officers, those who will participate in the second section of the ceremonial are: Joe H. Muenster and A. H. Swanson, craftsmen; E. C. H. Bantel, seafarer; R. E. Wickline, B. C. Armstrong, Bruce Burke, Eldon Powell, Rudolph R. Helligbrodt, H. C. Johnson, Harley DePew, V. E. Taylor, H. H. Hansson, George Pendergrass, Arthur L. Fogel, E. M. Sherill and U. S. McCutcheon, fellowcrafts.

The lecture for the degree will be given by A. H. Fitzgerald and lantern slides by A. H. Swanson.

Rice to Judge Louisiana Shrimp Case*The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Jan 27, 1949;*

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Rice to Judge Louisiana Shrimp Case

Judge Ben H. Rice Jr. planned to leave Thursday afternoon for Houston where Friday he will sit as a member of a three-judge federal court in a hearing for injunction against the Texas Game, Fish and Oyster Commission brought by Louisiana shrimp fishermen fishing in Texas Gulf waters.

Other members of the three-judge court will be Judge Joe C. Hutcheson Jr. of Houston, of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, and Judge T. M. Kennerly of the South Texas District.

Judge Rice Thursday completed the first week's work of the pres-

ent session of the local federal court. He will preside in contested criminal and civil cases beginning next Monday when the petit jury panel is slated to report.

The court Wednesday admitted 30 Central Texans as new citizens, continued the applications of six others, and dismissed two petitions for lack of prosecution on recommendation of Howell Norwood, naturalization examiner of San Antonio.

The oath of citizenship was administered by District Clerk Maxey Hart after all present in the courtroom had saluted the American flag and recited the pledge of allegiance. **Jerome Sneed** Jr. delivered a citizenship talk.

New citizens and their former nationalities are:

Domenico Milicia, 1104 South First Street, Italy; Antonio Villaseña, 1300 East Seventh, Mexico; Marie Steffen, San Marcos, Syria; Hans Jorgen Roeber, Route 1, Bastrop, Germany; Anastacio Alonzo Herrera, 1303 East Third, Mexico; Francisco Y. Castro, Taylor, Mexico; Ester Nanny Aguren, 309 East 30th, Sweden; Frances Weintroub, 909 West 26th, Russia; Margaret

Ellen Sisk, 602 Allen Street, England.

Also Anna Anzaldus, 206 Perdenales, Italy; Emma Hielscher, Route 1, Creedmoor, Germany; Henriette Victor Sparks, 3220 Clearview Drive, France; Joseph Scheck, Route 6, Austin, Austria; Charles Michael Vance, 1205-B Willow, Cuba; Rose Ann Matthews, Seton Hospital, Ireland; Joyce Ellen Potter, 1613-B Brackenridge Apartments, England; Francisco Reyes Mayo, Lockhart, Mexico; Marcelle Linstrum, San Marcos, Margaret Switch Morrow, 1407 Red River, Canada.

Also Carmen Gatti de Ynsfran, 403 East 32nd, Paraguay; Francisco Garrica Hernandez, 1108 Sabine, Mexico; Maria Elisabet Carlson, Route 4, Elgin, Sweden; Jose Lopez, 2211 Holly Street, Mexico.

Vincenza Henderson, 1210 Fairwood Road, Italy, who was granted change of name to Enza Henderson; Concetta Palmiseno Calhoun, 1711-A Brackenridge Apartments, Italy; Suzanne Amiot Dupuy, 2113 Glendale Place, Canada; Blanka Roberts, 700 West 35th, Czechoslovakia; Joe Centanni, 109 Mildred, Italy; Thomas Lee Zauskey, 2205 Longfellow, Lithuania; Dolores Ramos Rivera, 2207 Santa Rita, Mexico; and Pedro Cervantes, Bastrop, Mexico.

STATE CONTROL OVER INSURANCE ADVANCED

The Austin Statesman Capitol Staff
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STATE CONTROL OVER INSURANCE ADVANCED

By The Austin Statesman Capitol Staff

Two senate bills which, a sponsor said, "put insurance under state control to keep the federal government from running away with it" were reported favorably Wednesday afternoon by the senate committee on insurance.

Three other hotly-contested bills were sent to sub-committees, two of which were house-passed bills equalizing tax rates for out-of-state and Texas insurance companies.

The senate bills, by Sens. W. C. Graves and G. C. Morris, put casualty, fidelity, surety and guaranty insurance under control of the state board of insurance commissioners, as well as affected fire insurance writing.

J. F. Gibbs, casualty insurance commissioner, explained the necessity for the bills.

"The supreme court recently ruled that insurance is interstate commerce, thus making it subject to federal regulation and threatening state control. However, congress recently passed a bill which permits states to tax and regulate insurance," he said.

He added that the bills cover all types of insurance except health and accident, marine, inland marine and the types already regulated.

The bills were opposed by Jerome Sneed of Austin on the ground that they would stifle competition. Sneed represented the American Mutual Alliance of Chicago.

"No matter how good a risk may be, it doesn't allow for deviation in premiums," Sneed said.

Sneed added that it would be better to have federal control "if all the states pass similar laws and if we have to answer to 48 conflicting laws."

"These bills choke mutual companies," he maintained.

Marvin Hall, fire insurance commissioner, appeared for the bill.

The house-passed bills which were sent to sub-committees for revision will be reported back next Wednesday.

They raise tax rates on gross premium receipts for Texas companies and lower such rates for out-of-state companies in an effort to comply with the US supreme court decision that insurance is interstate commerce.

Rep. Howard G. Hartzog, author of the bills, said that the present discriminatory rates would probably be declared unconstitutional, and, if so, the state would lose \$6,000,000 annually.

"The Texas companies are for the bills because they're afraid some legislator might get mad at the loss in revenue, and raise the home taxes even more. They're all afraid of tomorrow," he said.

C. F. O'Donnell, Dallas, chairman of the Texas Association of Life Insurance Executives, appeared for the bill.

"Texas life insurance companies

do not want to appear to invite an increase in premium taxes, but they recognize that a situation exists which must be met or a serious disturbance in the revenues of the state will occur," he said.

A bill providing that burial policy benefits be payable in cash if cash is demanded, rather than in merchandise or in burial services was sent to a sub-committee. No time limit was set for the sub-committee report, apparently dooming the bill.

Sen. Charles R. Jones, author, said that in 99 cases out of a hundred, the word "cash" is scratched out of the policy without the knowledge of the policy holder.

"The bill would virtually do away with burial associations as it permits policy holders to choose, and most people would want cash," a letter which Jones read stated.

Judge Dewey Camp, representing the Burial Association of Texas, opposed the bill because there was "no assurance that the cash actually would be spent for the policy holder's funeral."

"These policies are made with the policy holder to furnish burial services and merchandise, and it would not be right for some other member of the family to change this and demand cash after the policy holder is dead," Camp said.

Preliminary Report Puts Johnson 87 Votes Ahead: Subcommittee Checking Each County's Returns
Cheavens, Dave
The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Sep 13, 1948;
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CONVENTION CASUALTY—**Stevenson**, representing Lyndon Johnson, on the vote canvassing, suffered a fall Monday in a Port Worth hotel as politicians gathered for the

state Democratic convention. His condition was reported as serious. Alvin J. Wirtz of Austin was named as Stevenson's proxy for the canvass.

Preliminary Report Puts Johnson 87 Votes Ahead

Subcommittee Checking Each County's Returns

By DAVE CHEAVENS
PORT WORTH, Sept. 13.—(AP)—Tabulation of the official returns in the runoff primary contest between Coke Stevenson and Lyndon Johnson for the US Senate was started at 12:37 P. m. Monday.

A sub-committee of the State Democratic Executive Committee agreed to examine each certificate from the county chairmen after a preliminary report by Secretary Van M. Kennedy showed Johnson led by an 87-vote margin.

Kennedy reported his count gave Johnson 69,151 votes to 69,164 for Stevenson.

That was based on tabulations made as the certified returns were received by Kennedy's office.

Alvin J. Wirtz of Austin, Johnson's proxy, said the subcommittee moved that the report of the secretary be adopted as the report of the subcommittee.

Stevenson's representative, Albert S. Stevenson, said he did not see "how we

can report to the committee on the basis of the secretary's report."

Kennedy interpreted that always in the past the secretary's report has been accepted as the report of the committee to the extent of the closeness of this race it might be well for the committee to examine each certificate.

After the tabulating machines and here are the certificates," he said.

Wirtz then withdrew his motion and the committee agreed to audit each county return before it is accepted.

The first certificate handed Chairman W. B. Simmons of Orange was Anderson County.

The adding machines began grinding out the count.

Official checkers and tabulators stood each return on prepared forms. The stacks of certificates piled high around two tables in the dimly lighted ballroom of the Blackstone Hotel, was tense and there was a great deal of whispering for the reading of the returns.

The only unofficial spectators were representatives of the press.

Kennedy, who was barred by a committee ruling to expedite its important business.

This subcommittee reports to the county chairmen as soon as it finishes its tough job.

The committee convened at 10:47 a. m. to begin the tough task of counting the votes.

Stevenson, with two of his attorneys, F. L. Kuykendall and Clint Small Jr. of Austin, was the first of the two close-running candidates to reach the big, dimly-lighted ballroom where the committee met.

Puffing his pipe, he was on hand 15 minutes before 10 a. m., when the session had been scheduled to start.

There was standing room only in the hall.

Stevenson and Johnson leaders huddled with Executive Committee Chairman Robert W. Calvert just before Calvert rapped the meeting to order.

Johnson arrived at 10:35 a. m., along with several friends and campaign workers.

Secretary Vann M. Kennedy called the roll. Only six members were absent. Eight were present by proxy.

Calvert named W. B. Simmons of Orange as chairman of the Senate race vote-counting subcommittee. Others were: Mrs. Claude B. Hudspeth of San Antonio, Alvin J. Wirtz of Austin, Mrs. Alma Lee Holman of Taylor, Albert Sidney Johnson of Dallas, Mrs. Joe B. Farris of Daisetta, Holford Russell of Denton.

Wirtz and Mrs. Holman represented Johnson. Mrs. Hudspeth and A. S. Johnson represented Stevenson.

Wirtz held the proxy of Jerome Sneed, who became suddenly ill and was unable to attend.

Sneed suffered a light attack of ptomaine poisoning Monday several hours before the committee met. He collapsed in the lobby of Fort Worth's Blackstone Hotel and was taken to Methodist Hospital.

Dr. A. I. Goldberg, the attending physician, said: "Mr. Sneed's condition is not serious. Something he ate caused his illness. You might call it a light attack of ptomaine poisoning."

Sneed signed over his proxy to Wirtz while he lay on the floor of the hotel lobby, in front of the elevator. He rolled over sufficiently to sign the document before being put on a stretcher for the trip to the hospital.

A report of the credentials subcommittee on seating of delegates at Tuesday's convention was slated for consideration by the executive committee at its afternoon session.

The credentials subcommittee, after closed meetings Sunday and Monday morning, voted to recommend the temporary seating of all chairman-certified county delegations but called for "voluntary withdrawal" of delegates not supporting the party nominees.

Chairman-certified delegations included contested anti-Truman delegations for Harris, Harrison, Dallas and Tarrant Counties and a contested pro-Truman delegation from Stephens County.

The executive committee recessed at 11:08 a. m., until 2 p. m. to permit time for a subcommittee to canvass the August primary returns.

The Segate vote count was delayed while another subcommittee tabulated returns in district races. Johnson and Stevenson moved about the room shaking hands with friends.

It was announced that only the members of the committee, representatives of each candidate, and of the press and radio, would be

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Jerome Sneed Jr., longtime Austin attorney, died Wednesday in a local hospital following an extended illness.

Sneed, who began the practice of law here in 1926 following graduation from the University of Texas, saw his practice grow into the firm of Sneed and Vine with 10 attorneys.

A native of McKinney, he was born on Nov. 15, 1898, and attended Trinity University, then located in Waxahachie. After teaching school in Collin County, he came to Austin and worked his way through the university.

Sneed was active in state Democratic party ranks, serving once as 10th District committeeman on the State Democratic Executive Committee. He was a close
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friend and advisor of Governors Brauford Jester, Jim Ferguson and Mrs. Miriam Ferguson.

Sneed was a former chief claims clerk with the State Banking Department and served with the State Tax Board. He was a director for 12 years with City National Bank and was a director of Walter Tips Co. The Better Business Bureau and Temple Beth Israel honored him several years ago as a counselor.

Funeral arrangements were pending at Wood-Cerley Funeral Home.

His survivors include his widow; a son, Robert C. Sneed, local attorney; daughter, Mrs. Harry Vine III; six grandchildren; a brother, John T. Sneed, and sister, Miss Ruth Sneed, of Dallas.