

The Honorable Commissioner's Court of Sabine County Met in Hemphill at the regular meeting place on December 11, 1944, with the following members present, to-wit: Chas. Forse, County Judge, H. J. Hamilton, Commr. Prec. 1, Everett Smith, Commr. Prec. 2, Mrs. G. B. Carter, Prec. #3, and T. L. Arnold, Prec. #4.

Accounts were allowed as are shown by the Minutes of Accounts Allowed.

TO THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS:

WHEREAS, the State of Texas is the largest owner of producing oil lands in the world; and

WHEREAS, under the Constitution of the State of Texas, all public lands and income therefrom are set

aside to the exclusive use and benefit of the public school system of Texas: and

WHEREAS, by far the greatest part of the tax revenues devoted to the support and maintenance of the entire public school system of Texas is derived from crude petroleum and its derivatives; and, therefore, any injury to the oil business would result in great loss of revenue to the public school system of Texas and other public funds of this State, and its municipal subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, it is our studied opinion that if the Anglo-American Petroleum Treaty, now before the Committee on Foreign Relations of the United States Senate, is ratified, the power to regulate spacing, drilling, production, refining, transportation and marketing of crude oil and its derivatives will be taken from the regulatory agencies of the various oil producing States and lodged in the Federal Government of the United States and the governments of Great Britain and other foreign powers; it will replace State control with Federal control on an international basis; and it will stifle individual initiative and incentive under which the American oil business has become the greatest in the world, producing the necessary oil for Victory and without which this war could not be won; and

WHEREAS, if this opening wedge is permitted it will be the beginning of other agreements, providing for international control of the businesses of producing other commodities such as cotton, wheat, wool, rubber, tin and steel by Commissions and Bureaus sitting in Foreign lands.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it unanimously resolved on the 11 day of Dec. 1944, by Commissioner's Court of Sabine County at Hemphill, Texas, that the Senate of the United States of America and its Committee on Foreign Relations be petitioned to reject the Anglo-American Petroleum Agreement, now pending before the Committee on Foreign Relations, as well as any other treaty, agreement, or device, which has for its purpose taking away the regulation of the oil industry or any other business or industry, by the respective States and substituting therefor control or regulation by either the Federal Government of the United States or any foreign power or combination of foreign powers.

The Secretary hereof is hereby directed to forward to Honorable Tom Connally of Texas, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations of the United States Senate, to Senator W. Lee O'Daniel of Texas, and to the members of the Committee on Foreign Relations of the United States Senate a certified copy of this resolution.

There being no further business court adjourned.

Attest:

Mrs. Myrtle Arnold
Clerk of Court

Chas. Forse
County Judge

H. J. Hamilton
Commissioner Precinct #1

Everett Smith
Commissioner Precinct #2

Mrs. G. B. Carter
Commissioner Precinct #3

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