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(The House of Representatives and the Senate in Joint Session)

In accordance with the provisions of **HCR 2**, providing for a joint session of the senate and the house of representatives at 1:30 p.m. today, for the purpose of hearing an address by the Honorable Ann W. Richards Governor

There has been speculation about my intention to submit interim appointments to the senate.

The law requires that they be submitted if the session lasts more than 10

days . . . and I will comply with the law.

But financing the public schools is our priority and our reason for being here.

I want to begin today by reading a statement about school finance in

It helps all school districts by converting 750 million dollars in state bonds for the construction of new school facilities.

And it allows recapture.

Once the amendment has passed this legislature, we can move on to the enabling legislation.

But I want to be sure you understand one important point—and the speaker, the lieutenant governor, and I are in firm agreement on this: passage of the amendment is the paramount concern.

We must move it on to the voters, so that they have time to have their say without getting us into another game of "Beat the Clock" with the courts.

With or without the Fair Share Plan, the school boards and superintendents will be facing hard decisions . . . but they are no more difficult than the ones we will be facing January.