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QUALIFICATIONS (100 words or less) Received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Vassar College in 1946 and in 1949 a Bachelor of Law degree from the University of Texas. Aside from my private practice of law which I resumed in 1963, I have served an apprenticeship in community affairs that has included present membership on the Human Relations Committee and Citizens' Committee for community improvement, volunteer work in church educational and charitable endeavors. **What proposals for solving the revenue problems of Texas would you support? (100 words)**

It would be impossible to state at this time with accuracy what type of revenue-raising proposals will be presented to the Legislature. I can say, however, that after attending the hearings before the Revenue and Taxation Committee of the Legislature, I shall support measures which I believe to be equitable to all.

What do you recommend to increase the effectiveness of the Texas Legislature? (100 words)

To increase the effectiveness of the Legislature, I would suggest the following innovations: a) Provide more adequate staff for legislative committees to conduct research and ~~provide~~ ^{obtain} information needed for consideration in pending legislative matters. b) Provide authority for legislative committees to conduct hearings and do research between legislative sessions in order to prepare proposed legislation for the next session. c) Amend or revise the Constitution to provide for annual legislative sessions.

What measures would you support in the Legislature to aid the cities in solving their problems, such as crime, job opportunities, water, etc? (100 words) ~~Crime~~ ^{Police} - I

would support the creation of a police training commission with power to establish regional academies to train law enforcement officers. I shall support state aid for law-enforcing agencies. With respect to Job Opportunities, the key to this problem is expanded educational opportunities, both vocational and academic. I shall actively work for the establishment of a state-supported four-year college in Corpus Christi. Water and pollution should be made subject to the penal laws of the state. An individual can be prosecuted in a criminal court for water pollution but a corporation cannot be. Effective pollution control is a must, not only for water, but also for the air we breathe.

Signed Frances Tarlton Farenthold

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Suggestion for use at League of women Voters Free-for-All:

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Running for the Legislature, as the only woman candidate, is an enlightening experience. But I did not enter the race because I am a woman, for I believe politics and sex should be integrated. The problems facing society today are of as much concern to women as they are to men. I decided to enter because I learned through ^{my work in} the Legal Aid Society and the Human Relations Committee that ~~th~~ there are some problems that must be settled on the state level. These include Taxes, inflation, conservation, pollution, liquor, ~~horse-racing~~ and education; and all will come up for consideration in the next Legislative Session.

Today, I am going to limit my remarks to the pollution that threatens us with every breath we take, every meal we eat, every time we take a drink of untreated water. Our rivers, lakes and bays, ~~ann~~ ~~contaminated~~ and even the oceans are becoming contaminated by the residue of poisons we pour, pump and throw into them.

The Legislature should enact mandatory, enforceable laws to bring an end to this wanton assault upon our environment, and it should make companies and corporations, as well as individuals, accountable for violations of sanitary and anti-pollution laws. The time for talking about this menace or issuing vague warnings is past. The danger is imminent. Unless we take action, ^{+ that action will be perrip} we ~~will~~ will continue to jeopardize our ^{own} health and ^{by an aroused citizenry} leave an inheritance of disease and destruction to our ~~own~~ children and grandchildren.

There are many other problems, but this one affects all of us equally. There is no discrimination in ~~Nature~~ the statutes of Nature or the regulations of ecology.