

RULING BY THE SPEAKER  
on Senate Bill 14

Announced in the House on September 1, 2021

Representative Moody raises a point of order against further consideration of C.S.S.B. 14 under Article III, Section 40, Texas Constitution on the grounds that the subject matter of the bill is not included in the Governor's proclamation.

The proclamation submits the subject of "legislation shielding private employers and employees from [certain] political subdivision" regulations governing the employer-employee relationship. The bill applies to any employer who employs one or more employees and expressly exempts municipal and county employers from its application, which indicates that the bill applies to other public employers. The proclamation "confine[s] the business to a particular field which may be covered in such way as the Legislature may determine." 55 H. Jour. 1st C.S. 156 (1957). The field in this case is confined to legislation shielding only private employers.

Accordingly, the point of order is well-taken and sustained. The bill is returned to the Committee on State Affairs.