SECTION 5. The following sums of money are hereby appropriated for payment of itemized claims and judgments plus interest, if any, against the State of Texas as follows.

To pay Congress Square, Ltd. No 1, c/o Shannon H Ratliff, 1300 Capitol Center, 919 Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas 78701, for breach of contract plus interest from May 9, 1984, until paid, to be computed by the comptroller.

Out of Fund No 001 $65,429.19
Out of Fund No 141 $65,429.20

SECTION 6. It is specifically provided that before any claim or judgment shall be paid from funds hereby appropriated, the same shall have the approval of the attorney general and the state comptroller and be verified by the State Auditor. It is further provided that any claim or judgment itemized in this Act which has not been approved by the attorney general and the state comptroller and verified by the State Auditor as of adjournment of the 69th Legislature, Regular Session, shall not be paid from funds appropriated by this Act.

SECTION 7. Subject to the conditions and restrictions in this Act and provisions stated in the judgments, the comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to issue a warrant or warrants on the State Treasury, as soon as possible following the effective date of this Act, in the favor of each of the said persons, firms, or corporations named herein, with the exceptions listed in Section 6, in the amount set opposite their respective names and shall mail or deliver to each of the said persons, firms, or corporations at their respective addresses warrant or warrants in payment of the said claim or claims.

SECTION 8. Subject to the conditions and restrictions in this Act and provisions stated in the judgments, the comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to issue a warrant or warrants on the State Treasury, as soon as possible following the effective date of this Act, in the favor of each of the said persons, firms, or corporations named herein, with the exceptions listed in Section 6, in the amount set opposite their respective names and shall mail or deliver to each of the said persons, firms, or corporations at their respective addresses warrant or warrants in payment of the said claim or claims.

SECTION 9. Payments other than those authorized by this Act for Platoro Limited, Inc., and Asa Fuller III shall be made no sooner than September 1, 1985.

SECTION 10. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate on April 10, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 0; Senate concurred in House amendment on May 27, 1985, by a viva-voce vote; passed subject to the provisions of Article III, Section 49a of the Constitution of Texas; passed the House, with amendment, on May 25, 1985, by a non-record vote; passed subject to the provisions of Article III, Section 49a of the Constitution of Texas.

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CHAPTER 848
S.B. No. 1295

An Act relating to the operation, funding, and lease of the Harris County Psychiatric Center and the operation of a commitment center, transferring the Texas Research Institute of Mental Sciences to The University of Texas System, requiring an evaluation report to the 70th Legislature; giving priority consideration to employees and providing for retirement benefits, making an appropriation and a transfer of funds, amending Chapter 73, Education Code, by adding Subchapters G and H, repealing Section 218 of Chapter 67, Acts of the 59th Legislature, Regular Session, 1965, and repealing Chapter 191, Acts of the 60th Legislature, Regular Session, 1967, and declaring an emergency
Section 73.401. Establishment. The Harris County Psychiatric Center has been developed and built by Harris County, Texas, and the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation. The facilities of the Harris County Psychiatric Center to be operated by The University of Texas System shall be operated consistent with the rules and regulations of the board of regents and with the provisions of this subchapter.

Section 73.402. Mission. The Harris County Psychiatric Center has been established with the mission of caring for mentally ill persons; other major parts of this mission include research into the causes and cures of mental illness and the education of professionals in the care of the mentally ill.

Section 73.403. Operation of Commitment Center. Harris County and/or the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Authority (MHMRA) of Harris County may operate on the premises of the Harris County Psychiatric Center a commitment center, the functions of which may include patient screening, intake, and admissions (both voluntary and involuntary) to the Harris County Psychiatric Center as may be provided for in a lease and/or sublease and operating agreement as authorized under Section 73.405 of this code. The functions of the Harris County Psychiatric Commitment Center located on the premises of the Harris County Psychiatric Center both in terms of operation and in terms of funding shall not be the responsibility of the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation or The University of Texas System. As may be provided for in a lease and/or sublease and operating agreement, The University of Texas System may charge for any support services provided by the Harris County Psychiatric Center to the commitment center.

Section 73.404. Funding. (a) Funding for the state-supported facilities and operations of the Harris County Psychiatric Center shall be provided through legislative appropriations to the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation and to The University of Texas System, and any appropriations to the department for the Harris County Psychiatric Center shall be transferred to The University of Texas System in accordance with the General Appropriations Act and the lease and/or sublease and operating agreement provided for in Section 73.405 of this code. The functions of the Harris County Psychiatric Center located on the premises of the Harris County Psychiatric Center shall be transferred to The University of Texas System in accordance with the General Appropriations Act and the lease and/or sublease and operating agreement provided for in Section 73.405 of this code. The functions of the commitment center shall not exceed 10 percent of the total operating costs of the entire Harris County Psychiatric Center, exclusive of any costs of the commitment center. Any funding, under a lease and/or sublease and operating agreement wherein The University of Texas System is the lessee, for the county-supported and/or MHMRA-supported facilities and operations of the Harris County Psychiatric Center, which may be provided through county appropriations, including funds made available by the Harris County Mental Health and Mental Retardation Authority, or from gifts and grants, shall be transferred in accordance with the lease and/or sublease and operating agreement provided for in Section 73.405 of this code. Such funds may be for any further construction at the Harris County Psychiatric Center; for equipment, both fixed and movable; for utilities, including data processing and communications; for maintenance, repairs, renovations, and additions; for any damage or destruction; and for operations of the Harris County Psychiatric Center; provided, however, that as to funding for Harris County Psychiatric Center operations, legislative appropriations shall not exceed 10 percent of the total operating costs of the entire Harris County Psychiatric Center, exclusive of any costs of the commitment center.

Section 73.405. Operations. (a) The state-supported facilities of the Harris County Psychiatric Center shall be leased to and operated and administered by The University of Texas System in accordance with a lease and operating agreement. The county-supported and/or MHMRA-supported facilities, exclusive of the commitment center, may be leased and/or subleased by The University of Texas System in the same lease and/or sublease and operating agreement. Any lease and/or sublease and operating agreement shall provide for a lease payment by The University of Texas System of no more than $1 per year plus other good and valuable consideration as provided for in Section 73.406 of this code.

(b) In any lease and/or sublease and operating agreement, the board of regents of The University of Texas System shall be the governing board of the Harris County Psychiatric Center facilities that are leased and/or subleased and operated by The University of Texas System.
“(c) Any lease and/or sublease and operating agreement may provide all necessary or desirable terms for the provision of services to the Texas Research Institute of Mental Sciences and may provide for duties and powers with respect to medical and legal matters. Harris County Psychiatric Center administration, staffing, patient services, reports, annual operating budgets of the Harris County Psychiatric Center, and transfers of appropriated funds as provided for in Section 73.404 of this code.

“(d) Any lease and/or sublease and operating agreement shall provide that The University of Texas System shall have the right to establish the Harris County Psychiatric Center to be operated in accordance with the standards for accreditation of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals, that all financial transactions and performance programs may be appropriately audited; that an admission, discharge, and transfer coordination policy be established; that appropriate patient data be made available to the department, MHMRA, and the county, including but not limited to diagnosis and lengths of stay; and that a priority of patient treatment policy be established.

“Section 73.406. REVENUES. That portion of any revenues related to the provision of patient care services through the operation of the Harris County Psychiatric Center facilities that are leased and/or subleased by and to The University of Texas System shall be accounted for and expended in accordance with the rules, regulations, and bylaws of The University of Texas System and in such manner that such revenues will reduce appropriated funds and that any monies in excess thereof will be utilized in the provision of services to the public.

“SUBCHAPTER H. RESEARCH INSTITUTE

“Section 73.501. TRANSFER AND LEASE OF FACILITIES. (a) The governance, operation, management, and control of the Texas Research Institute of Mental Sciences created by Chapter 427, Acts of the 55th Legislature, Regular Session, 1957, as amended (Article 3174b-4, Vernon’s Texas Civil Statutes), and all land, buildings, improvements thereon, and major fixed equipment comprising said institute shall be leased from the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation and transferred to the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System for $1 a year and shall be subject to the provisions of Subdivision (9) of Subsection (a) of Section 65.02 of the Education Code.

“(b) All land, buildings, and improvements thereon and major fixed equipment comprising said institute leased by The University of Texas System shall be utilized only for purposes of patient care services, research, and education related to mental health and mental retardation. The Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation may sell or otherwise dispose of the land, buildings, improvements thereon, or major fixed equipment provided that the proceeds from the sale or other disposition shall be used for the same purposes in Harris County; and further provided, that the board of regents of The University of Texas System, prior to such sale or other disposition, has approved of such sale or disposition and the allocation of proceeds.

“Section 73.502. TRANSFER OF GIFTS, GRANTS, UNEXPENDED BALANCES, CONTRACTS, AND OBLIGATIONS. Any gifts, grants, unexpended balances of appropriated or unappropriated funds, and all movable equipment held by the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation for, on behalf of, or for the use and benefit of the Texas Research Institute of Mental Sciences are hereby transferred to The University of Texas System; provided, however, that all previously appropriated funds for statewide training of department personnel and a new program evaluation by the institute shall be retained by the department. All contracts and written obligations of every kind and character entered into by the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation and transferred to The University of Texas System may contract and may provide for such services in accordance with the provisions of and appropriations provided in the General Appropriations Act.

“Section 73.503. EMPLOYEES. (a) Present institute personnel shall be allowed to apply for employment with The University of Texas System, Harris County, or the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Authority of Harris County and shall stand and act in place and stead of the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation; provided, however, that an advisory committee shall be established with regard to research protocols and the commissioner of the department shall be a member; provided further, that The University of Texas System may contract with the department for continued extramural and other laboratory consultative services. The Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, Harris County, and the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Authority of Harris County shall provide for the continuity of inpatient and outpatient care of the patients and programs operated at the Texas Research Institute of Mental Sciences and may contract for the provision of such services in accordance with the provisions of and appropriations provided in the General Appropriations Act.

“(b) If employed by The University of Texas System, when the Texas Research Institute of Mental Sciences is transferred to The University of Texas System, employees of the institute who become employees of The University of Texas System shall become members of the Teacher
Retirement System of Texas, if they are otherwise eligible under the law and rules governing membership, and all their service and salary credit shall be transferred from the Employees Retirement System to the Teacher Retirement System, subject to Subsections (c) and (d) of this section.

"(c) Service of those employees that was covered by the Employees Retirement System before the transfer shall thereafter be regarded as service that was covered by the Teacher Retirement System. The law and rules of the Teacher Retirement System pertaining to membership, service and salary credit, member contributions, and reinstatement of withdrawn accounts shall apply to service occurring before the transfer, except that the member contribution rate for such service shall be in effect for members of the Employees Retirement System. Member contributions previously withdrawn from the Employees Retirement System may be reinstated in the Teacher Retirement System only subject to the laws and rules governing reinstatement of accounts and credit in the Teacher Retirement System.

"(d) Military service credit already established with the Employees Retirement System will be credited by the Teacher Retirement System only when the employee's service credit, excluding military credit, in the Teacher Retirement System consists of at least 10 years. Deposits for military credit transferred under Subsection (c) of this section will be placed in the member savings account of the employee and refunded if the employee dies or retires on disability benefit before obtaining 12 years of credit. An employee may obtain a total of no more than five years of military service credit in the Teacher Retirement System, including military credit transferred pursuant to this section, and may not receive duplicate credit for the same military duty.

"(e) When credit is transferred pursuant to this section or as soon thereafter as possible, the Employees Retirement System shall transfer to the Teacher Retirement System the following:

"(1) all amounts in the individual member accounts with the Employees Retirement System of employees described in Subsection (b) of this section and any member contributions subsequently received for these employees for service before the date of transfer; and

"(2) an amount from the state accumulation fund determined by the actuary of the Employees Retirement System to be such that the transfer of funds and service credit under this section will neither increase nor diminish the period required to amortize the unfunded liability of that system.

"(f) An employee described in Subsection (b) of this section shall not be entitled to a refund of contributions or retirement from the Employees Retirement System in lieu of the transfer of credit provided by this Act. After the transfer of the Institute to the University of Texas System, the employee shall not be entitled to credit in the Employees Retirement System for service subject to transfer to the Teacher Retirement System under this section.

"(g) The legislature may appropriate to the Teacher Retirement System an amount determined necessary to finance the additional actuarial liabilities created by this section and not financed by the transfer of funds provided by Subsection (e) of this section.

"(h) The Employees Retirement System, the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, and the University of Texas System shall provide the Teacher Retirement System with information necessary to establish employees' rights to credit under this section. The Employees Retirement System and the Teacher Retirement System shall establish procedures to prevent duplication of retirement credit for the same service.

"(i) If employed by the University of Texas System, such employees shall be subject to the personnel policies, rules, and regulations of the Board of Regents of the University of Texas System, after the transfer provided for in this section.

"Section 73.504 NAME OF INSTITUTE. Hereafter, the name of the Institute shall be The University of Texas Mental Sciences Institute.

SECTION 2. EVALUATION OF TRANSFER OF RESEARCH INSTITUTE. (a) The University of Texas System, the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, and the Assets Management Division of the General Land Office shall review and evaluate the present and proposed use of the Texas Research Institute of Mental Sciences land and buildings and shall submit a report containing the results of the review to the 70th Legislature.

(b) In conducting the review, the participants shall consider at least the following factors:

1. the future need for continued use of this land and buildings for outpatient services and mental health sciences research;

2. alternative locations for any future needed outpatient services and mental health sciences research;

3. alternatives for disposition of the land and buildings, including the possibility of continued leasing to the University of Texas System, leasing to other entities, or sale of the land and buildings.
(4) the cost benefits of each alternative for disposition, including the revenue that might be generated and the possibility of applying that revenue toward the provision of mental health services.

c) Not later than the second Tuesday in January, 1987, the participants in the review shall prepare and submit a report to the 70th Legislature detailing the findings and conclusions made by the participants. This section expires on submission of the report.


SECTION 4. Any funds generated by the passage of S.B. 1322, Acts of the 69th Legislature, Regular Session, for fiscal years 1986 and 1987, are hereby appropriated to The University of Texas System for provision of services as authorized in this Act.

SECTION 5. The sum of $1 million appropriated to the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation for the conduct of research at the Texas Research Institute of Mental Sciences in H.B. 20, Acts of the 69th Legislature, Regular Session, 1985, shall be transferred by the department to The University of Texas System for the conduct of that research.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect on September 1, 1985.

SECTION 7. EMERGENCY. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed the Senate on April 30, 1985, by a viva-voce vote; Senate concurred in House amendments on May 25, 1985, by a viva-voce vote, passed subject to the provisions of Article III, Section 49a of the Constitution of Texas; passed the House, with amendments, on May 23, 1985, by a non-record vote; passed subject to the provisions of Article III, Section 49a of the Constitution of Texas.

Approved: June 15, 1985
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CHAPTER 849
S.B. No. 1300

An Act relating to the conveyance of certain state-owned real property in Travis County and disposition and use of the proceeds of sale and to transfer of certain real property by the Parks and Wildlife Department to the State Purchasing and General Services Commission.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY. (a) The State Purchasing and General Services Commission shall convey all of the interest of the state in the real property described in Subsection (a) of Section 4 of this Act.

(b) The Parks and Wildlife Department shall transfer to the State Purchasing and General Services Commission control of the property described in Subsection (b) of Section 4 of this Act.

SECTION 2. APPRAISAL. The State Purchasing and General Services Commission shall obtain an MAI appraisal of the property described in Subsection (a) of Section 4 of this Act and may not accept a bid for less than the appraised value.

SECTION 3. SOLICITATION OF BIDS. The State Purchasing and General Services Commission shall sell the property under Subsection (a) of Section 1 of this Act only after advertising the sale in at least two issues of a newspaper of general circulation in Travis County. The first advertisement must be published at least 14 days before the date the property is sold. Each advertisement shall describe the property to be sold and call for sealed bids on the property. The board shall sell the property to the highest responsible bidder.

SECTION 4. DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY. (a) The real property authorized to be conveyed under Subsection (a) of Section 1 of this Act consists of certain lots in Travis County, Texas, which are more particularly described as follows:

Lots 7 through 12, out of Block 183, Original City of Austin, Travis County, Texas.