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Freeway plan abandoned

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AUSTIN — Rep. George "Mickey" Leland, D-Houston, pulled down and abandoned Thursday his House resolution on freeway construction after Houston groups protesting freeway planning were promised a hearing by State Highway officials June 1.

Rep. Joe Hubenak, D-Rosenberg, a strong opponent of the resolution, arranged for the hearing, Leland told the House as he withdrew his resolution.

Hubenak said the resolution would have

stopped all freeway construction.

Leland complained that three freeways planned in Houston would displace 2,000 to 3,000 families and dissect several parks.

His resolution called for the Highway Department to give a "detailed response" to the protesting groups' objections, to propose alternate freeway routes, and to refrain from buying further right of way while a legislative-citizens committee studied the environmental and other effects of all urban highway construction plans from 1950 to the present.