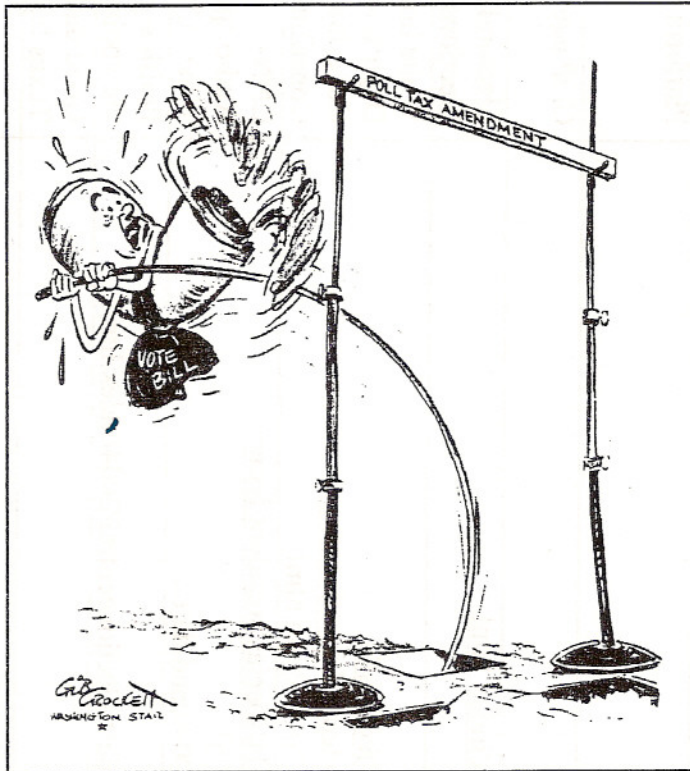


Interpreting Political Cartoons

Political cartoonists can influence and inform public opinion with just a sketch. By studying the picture, words, and symbols, you can discover the main idea and point of view of a political cartoon.



DIRECTIONS: Use the cartoon to answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper.

1. What challenge does the vote bill face?
2. How does the cartoonist show that this is a difficult hurdle?
3. What do you observe about the placement of the poll tax amendment? What does the placement suggest?
4. How do you interpret the expression on the pole vaulter's face?
5. What do you think the cartoonist's point of view was?
6. **Critical Thinking** Why do you think the cartoonist chose to use a pole vaulter in the cartoon?

★ Activity ★ **DIRECTIONS:** Choose an issue in Texas state politics. Draw a political cartoon showing your opinion about the issue.