

Kennedy Asks Higher Truck Taxes To Pay for Superhighway Program

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Kennedy proposed higher taxes on big trucks yesterday to help pay for the superhighway program. He said truckers get the most benefit from the new roads.

Kennedy asked Congress to block a scheduled drop in the federal gasoline tax from four to three cents a gallon this July 1, but said he preferred not to go along with former Presi-

Lawrence Approves Housing Bill

HARRISBURG (AP) — A bill banning discrimination in the sale or rental of housing because of race, religion or national background was signed into law by Gov. Lawrence yesterday.

By approving such a measure, the governor said in a statement, "Pennsylvania has struck a major blow against this discrimination."

Specifically, the new law would ban discrimination in sale or rental of multi-unit dwellings and places of public accommodation, resorts or amusement centers.

It would not affect sale or rental of homes such as a duplex house, which is occupied by the owner, nor would it affect single houses.

The law will become effective Sept. 1.

"In, of, and by itself, this law can be most effective," said Lawrence.

"Administered in its full intent and spirit," he declared, "It can become one of the greatest tools of our generation for the fostering of basic American philosophies."

The new law will also change the name of the present Fair Employment Practices Commission to the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission.

TWA to Curtail Service

WASHINGTON (AP) — Permission to suspend service temporarily at Reading and Williamsport, Pa., was requested yesterday by Trans World Airlines.

Rusk Issues Policy Statement

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Dean Rusk said yesterday he favors strengthening the non-nuclear military power of the free world as well as maintaining its nuclear might.

In a statement, Rusk reaffirmed United States commitments to the "common defense" and declared it "is our determination to back them."

His statement was issued at the State Department some hours after he appeared before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The senators questioned him about news reports concerning recommendations Rusk was said to

have made on the reshaping of U.S. defense policies.

"There has appeared a news report purporting to give my views regarding current studies now under way about our defense policies," Rusk's statement said. "This news report was highly inaccurate."

Earlier, Chairman William J. Fulbright of the Senate committee quoted Rusk as calling the news report distorted.

The Rusk statement, issued late yesterday afternoon at the State Department, was cleared by the White House, State Department press officer Lincoln White said in response to questions.

White also said he thought the statement followed the general line which Rusk took before the Senate committee.

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"This is only fair," he said. "Indeed, technical experts in the Bureau of Public Roads advise me that even this increase would not charge heavy trucks their fair share of the cost of this program."

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Title Bout Postponed

MANILA (AP) — Flash Elorde's defense of his world junior lightweight title March 4 against Californian Joey Lopes was postponed Friday because the Filipino is suffering from a deep-seated cold. The date was moved back to March 19.

Living Costs Drop Slightly In January

WASHINGTON (AP)—Living costs dropped slightly in January for the first time in 12 months because of lower prices for clothing, used autos and food.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics said yesterday its consumer price index dropped by one-tenth of one per cent, from a record 127.5 in December to 127.4 last month. In the index 100 represents average prices for 1947-49.

Because prices rose throughout 1960, except for a pause in August, January living costs were up 1.6 per cent from a year earlier.

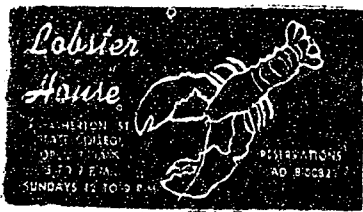
The bureau said price changes in the last few months were not large enough to affect the wages of about one million workers in the auto and related industries.

Lower clothing prices were the biggest single factor in reduced living costs in January. Average clothing tags were down 1.1 per cent, largely because of after-Christmas sales of women's coats and suits.

Used car prices dropped 2.5 per cent in January. Prices of new autos were unchanged.

Food costs were down one-tenth of one per cent with the biggest reduction in eggs, milk, fresh fruits and tomatoes.

Most other major categories held steady or showed declines. An exception was medical costs which rose by three-tenths of one per cent.



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Senate Approves Money-Raising Bill

HARRISBURG (AP) — The Senate yesterday approved, 27-19, one of the two remaining money-raising bills in Gov. Lawrence's revenue program.

Two Republicans joined the 25-member Democratic delegation to give final approval to the House-approved measure.

The bill would raise \$1 million through accelerated payment of the bank shares levy and keep the tax rate at a permanent 8 mills. The total assessment produces about \$5 million a year.

The two Republicans who joined in supporting the tax measure are Sens. Albert R. Pechan, Armstrong, and Stanley Stroup, Bedford.

Still pending is a bill that would produce \$8 million a year by elimination of the present two per cent commission paid to merchants for collecting the state's four per cent sales tax.

The bill reportedly has opposition within Democratic ranks, as well as from Republicans. The House and Senate adjourned until Monday.

In other legislative developments, the legislature ratified an amendment to the U.S. Constitution allowing residents of the District of Columbia to vote in

presidential elections. The Senate gave final approval 48-1. The lone dissenter was Sen. D. Elmer Hawbaker, (R-Franklin).

A scheduled meeting of a joint legislative committee studying capital punishment was put off until next week because of the pressure of other business.

Mob Riots in Algeria

ORAN, Algeria (AP) — A rampaging mob, setting out as a mourning procession for King Mohammed V of Morocco, became enraged yesterday and burned two European women to death in their car.

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