

Panel defeats spending plan

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Senate Budget Committee yesterday rejected a proposal that it recommend a heavy dose of additional federal spending to induce economic recovery.

Cowed by the huge deficit it already has agreed upon, the panel defeated by a 10-4 vote the suggestion of liberal Sen. Walter F. Mondale, D-Minn., to recommend an additional \$4 billion for such stimulants as public service jobs, health insurance for the unemployed, aid for home buyers and anti-foreclosure loans.

In a 13-hour session stretching deep into the night Wednesday, the committee approved a \$366.1 billion spending target for the fiscal year starting July 1. This would result in a deficit far beyond the \$60 billion maximum President Ford said he would tolerate.

Officially, the committee estimated its proposals would create a \$67.2 billion deficit, but that figure assumed that Congress would allow to expire at the end of 1975 the income tax cuts it enacted last month.

Higher prices not necessary

Energy-saving bill passed

WASHINGTON (AP) — A bill giving federal and state officials broad powers to force Americans to save energy without paying the higher prices advocated by President Ford was passed by the Senate yesterday.

The final vote was 60 to 25. The measure, still subject to House consideration, would virtually kill Ford's own conservation program by allowing either house of Congress to block his plans for removing federal controls from oil prices.

Ford has indicated he will attempt to remove the controls next month in an effort to force energy conservation. Opponents say such action would raise fuel costs \$19 billion a year.

In addition to the provisions requiring joint federal-state efforts to save fuel, the bill would give the president standby authority, with

congressional approval, to ration gasoline if foreign countries again curtail oil shipments to the United States.

At the last minute, the Senate adopted an amendment that would impose price controls on the 40 per cent of U.S. oil production whose price is now free to rise to the world level of about \$12.40 a barrel.

The amendment by Sen. John Glenn, D-Ohio, approved 54 to 31, would not allow the price of such "new" oil to rise above the Jan. 1, 1975, level of about \$10.40. Presumably, this would mean the oil now selling for \$12.40 would be reduced in price by \$2.

The Senate rejected an attempt by Sen. Paul J. Fannin of Arizona, senior Republican on the Interior Committee, to eliminate the

Chairman Edmund S. Muskie, D-Maine, said "realistically" the committee's proposals would result in a \$74.4 billion deficit. He said he would propose new cuts if the committee went beyond a \$75 billion deficit, which he figured was the most debt the economy could absorb.

But Sen. Ernest F. Hollings, D-S.C., said the committee is too optimistic about tax revenues, the rate of economic recovery and the government's profits from the sale of oil leases. He calculated the panel's proposed deficit at \$80.6 billion.

Under a new congressional reform, the Senate and House Budget committees are to recommend spending targets so Congress, for the first time, will have a total in mind as it considers proposals. Under the old procedure, the money bills were passed piecemeal with no knowledge of what they might all add up to.

In its recommendations, the Senate committee: —Called for earmarking \$1.9 billion for rehabilitating the nation's railway roadbeds.

—Without a formal vote, implicitly rejected Ford's proposal to limit this year's cost of living increase in Social Security payments to 5 per cent. The House Budget Committee called for a 7 per cent ceiling. Without any ceiling, 31 million recipients would get an increase in July of at least 8 per cent.

—Indicated, again without a formal vote, that it favored a 5 per cent ceiling on federal and military pay increases this year but no ceiling on federal pension payments.

mandatory-conservation provisions from the bill. The Fannin amendment failed on a 60-25 vote.

Under those provisions, the Federal Energy Administration would establish regulations designed to cut energy consumption by about 4 per cent over the next 12 months. This would be equivalent to saving an estimated 800,000 barrels of oil a day.

In a statement, Fannin and other Republican members of the Senate Interior Committee indicated that voluntary conservation and Ford's plan of higher fuel prices would be a better solution to the energy problem.

Under the bill, the states would use the FEA regulations as the basis for energy-conservation programs tailored to fit their special requirements.

A tourist state, for example, might meet its share of the 4 per cent goal by requiring stores to close by 9 p.m.

All conservation programs would be administered by the states but the cost would be shared with the federal government.

Congress would have authority to veto any conservation regulation proposed by FEA for state enforcement. The bill specifically bars any state from using rationing or higher taxes to conserve fuel.

Sen. Henry M. Jackson, D-Wash., chief author of the bill, called the measure a substitute for President Ford's own conservation plan, which is based on raising energy taxes and allowing fuel prices to rise to curb demand.

The bill extends federal controls over oil prices at least until March 1, 1976, and blocks any presidential effort to raise the ceiling on prices unless Congress gives its specific approval.

Under the controls system, 60 per cent of domestic oil production is frozen at \$25.25 per barrel, while the remaining 40 per cent is allowed to rise to the world level, currently about \$12.40 per barrel.

Car wash set to help injured youth

If you have a car that needs to be washed, a bike you need cleaned up or even a pair of shoes shined, Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity and Kappa Delta sorority will be glad to do it for you.

The car wash, which will be held from 2 to 8 p.m. today at the Alpha Fire Company station, South Atherton Street, is being sponsored to help pay the medical costs of an injured local youth.

Todd Wheeler, a 16-year-old Pine Grove Mills resident, had his leg amputated after he stepped on a 12,000-volt powerline Tuesday, April 1 while trying to extinguish a grass fire near his home.

Wheeler is at the burn center at Crozer-Chester Medical Center in Upland. The cost per day is \$350 and

burn center authorities estimate his bills may run to more than \$100,000.

Alpha Gamma Rho chose this as their philanthropic project because several of the brothers knew Todd or his brother. According to

spokesman Bob Lauffer, "We see that we are doing good immediately. Some of these projects you don't see where it's going."

Local merchants donated the supplies for the wash, which will be held indoors.

Professor granted extension

In a reversal of an earlier decision, a Capitol Campus professor was granted an exception to the University's mandatory retirement policy.

In a letter to associate professor of regional planning Ambrose Klain, University President John W. Oswald granted Klain a one-year extension on his retirement previously scheduled for June, Klain said.

"I spent a half year to defeat a heartless, humanless University," Klain said. Provost Russell Larson had denied Klain an extension last January, citing University policy to grant such exceptions only in unusual circumstances.

The Capitol Campus Faculty Council then was denied its request for a hearing to look into the matter. The administration said the matter already had been reviewed, according to Christopher McKenna, faculty council chairman.

It is University policy to grant extensions for only one year, Klain said. Therefore, he said, he is already preparing for the fight next year.

"This shows that a little man can still achieve a remedy to his problems," Klain said.

Larson would not discuss the reasons for the University's decision.

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Shah: oil prices to rise

TEHRAN (UPI) — The Shah of Iran predicts oil prices will rise again if industrial nations fail to control inflation and go on increasing prices for their exports. He says Iran may not continue accepting dollars as payment.

In an exclusive interview Wednesday, Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi said Iran probably will insist on payment for its oil in currencies other than the American dollar if the value of the dollar continues to fall. It was the first time he had raised the possibility.

Sitting alone in a reception room larger than a tennis court in his Niavaran palace, the 55-year-old Shah discussed topics from oil to Indochina. He suggested that American credibility with its allies was not necessarily damaged by current U.S. policy in Indochina. He blamed Israeli stubbornness for the failure of Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's recent peacemaking mission in the Middle East.

But the Shah, ruler of the world's second largest oil-exporting nation, dwelt primarily on the issue of petroleum. "You people in the West in the last year or two have had an inflation rate between 12 and 15 per cent—up to 27 per cent," he said. "The price of oil has been responsible for only 2 per cent of this."

"But you have sold your goods to us for 35 per cent more in price and, in some cases more. Some spare parts have cost us 50 per cent and even 300 per cent more in price."

"Because of this," he said, "we have got to accept that the principle is the same for raw materials as it is for oil."

He said if a meeting in Paris this summer fails to achieve understanding between oil-producing and consuming nations, Western countries "will increase the price of their commodities, or keep up the rate of inflation."

In that case, he said, "We are going to defend ourselves by increasing the price of our oil."

The Shah said Iran's recent move in ending its currency link with the dollar, in favor of the special drawing rights of the International Monetary Fund, would not mean an end to quoting oil prices in dollars.

But he was asked if he would demand payment in currencies other than the dollar in view of the dollar's continuing weakness.

"Probably," he said. "Probably—if the dollar continues to go down. But if it stabilizes, then we shall see."

Turning to Indochina, the Shah suggested other nations need not doubt the reliability of America as an ally because of the refusal of the U.S. Congress to vote more military aid to Saigon.

"We have got to look deeply into every case," he said. "Were the South Vietnamese fighting to the end, doing everything that was necessary for their people and them being let down by the United States?"

"Or from the reports that we get,

evacuating three-fourths of their country in a disorderly way, running and not even fighting? So what could the United States do?"

On the Middle East, the Shah said Kissinger's mission failed because "Israel is much too stubborn—probably because it has a weak government... The Israelis are not being cooperative or reasonable in their demands."

He assessed Egypt's policies as "practical and comprehensible."

He urged Israel to comply with the United Nations resolutions on the return of occupied Arab lands, saying: "They have got to get out. This is Arab land—it doesn't belong to them."

But he said there was no question of Iran exerting pressure on Israel by cutting off its oil.

"We do not mix oil with politics," he said. "We sell oil to oil companies and they take it where they want." He gave the same answer when asked if Iran would guarantee oil for Israel in return for Israeli peace concessions.

On other topics the Shah: —Said Iran would begin to curb its huge program of foreign investments and concentrate more on internal development.

—Reiterated his call for countries bordering the Indian Ocean to form "some sort of commonwealth of nations" and said this could include South Africa if it would make "a few changes in the direction of what would be accepted by the United Nations."

Movies' 'Ma Kettle' dead at 84

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Veteran actress Marjorie Main, known to a generation of movie-goers as the shrill-voiced, weather-beaten "Ma Kettle," died yesterday at the age of 85.

Death came quietly at St. Vincent's Hospital where the queen of the hillbilly actresses was admitted April 3. A friend said she had been ill for a couple of weeks and her doctor decided to put her in the hospital for observation.

Main, whose movie costumes resembled rags rejected by the Goodwill, delighted movie fans in a series of pictures where she played opposite, really opposite, gravel-voiced Wallace Beery, her good-for-nothing, shiftless mate. They fought tooth and nail to stardom through a number of pictures. Before she got caught up in the hillbilly stereotype, Miss

Main appeared at Carnegie Hall in a Shakespearean company.

She was born Mary Tomlinson Krebs at Acton, Ind., Feb. 24, 1890.

She was a graduate of the School of Expression at Franklin College, studied dramatic arts at Hamilton College and, in addition to Shakespearean roles, worked

in stock, in vaudeville, in radio and on Broadway.

She came to Hollywood in 1937 and established herself as a sardonic comedienne, sharp of tongue but with a heart of gold.

In addition to the "Ma and Pa Kettle" series, she had parts in Dead End, The Women, Meet Me in St. Louis, Harvey Girls, Egg and I,

Rose Marie, Test Pilot, Johnny Come Lately, Murder He Says, Friendly Persuasion, Heaven Can Wait and Honky Tonk.

She had no known living relatives.

Funeral services will be held Monday at the Church of the Hills, Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Hollywood Hills.

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