

Campaign act challenged

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Supreme Court was told yesterday that Congress' attempt to take money out of politics invades free speech, penalizes new parties and gives unconstitutional powers to a regulatory commission — all to the benefit of the lawmakers now in office.

The complex 1974 Campaign Reform Act was defended during four and one half hours of argument as affecting actions, not speech, with ceilings on campaign expenditures just about what they have been in the recent past.

The law, passed in the wake of the Watergate scandals, also restricts contributions by individuals and groups.

Eight of the justices engaged in colloquies with the seven attorneys who argued various aspects of the statute. Justice William O. Douglas, still suffering from the effects of a stroke, was not present during the morning session and for only an hour and 40 minutes in the afternoon.

"What was Congress trying to do?" Justice Byron R. White asked Professor Ralph K. Winter Jr. of Yale University Law

School. Winter, who represents civil rights groups and independents challenging the law, said Watergate put the congressmen "under enormous political pressure to do something." He quoted an unnamed member as saying anytime the lawmakers could vote for reform and freeze out their opponents at the same time they would do so.

"Were they just writing themselves into a permanent seat?" White asked.

"Was it just cosmetic legislation?" asked Chief Justice Warren E. Burger.

"I see very few limits here on corruption," Winters replied. Professor Archibald Cox of Harvard Law School, who represented Senate Republican Leader Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania and Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., insisted that the statute showed Congress' concern with the "arms race in political expenditures."

Senator predicts smaller oil firms

CHICAGO (UPI) — Sen. Gary Hart, D-Colo., predicted yesterday that Congress will vote within a year — or two at most — to break up the nation's oil giants into smaller, more competitive companies.

Oil industry leaders, shaken by the degree of support already shown for such a breakup, said they face no more serious threat. They called for a massive campaign to tell Congress and the public their side of the story and blunt growing hostility toward their industry.

"I think it will be a very substantial battle," Hart said when told of industry's plans.

Hart's prediction came during a news conference at the annual meeting of the Society of Independent Gasoline Marketers of America.

The independents met at a hotel just one block away from where the big oil companies were holding the annual convention of the American Petroleum Institute.

It was a surprise when 45 senators recently voted in favor of an amendment that would have kept a single firm from producing oil, transporting it, refining it and selling the refined products. Hart said.

He said the size of that vote reflected views from "the folks back home" that major oil companies are too big, a view he said is sure to win additional support in the months ahead.

A new attempt to break up the major companies should reach the floor of

Congress some time this spring, Hart said.

"I think it will pass in the next year or in two at the outside," he said.

At the API convention, Charles Spahr, chairman of the organization and chairman of Standard Oil of Ohio, said he too was startled by the strength of the recent Senate vote.

Spahr said the threat that Congress might break up the majors or make them get out of other energy fields such as coal is "without exception our greatest concern."

API president Frank Ikard warned oilmen to expect the worst from an election year Congress making energy policy decisions on political grounds.

Ikard said the mood of Congress can be seen in the 14 per cent oil price rollback approved last week by House and Senate conferees and in the growing threat of efforts to split up, control more tightly, or even nationalize the giants of the oil industry.

"Everyone who has a stake in the oil business will be affected by the outcome of the deliberations of the Congress in the year 1976," Ikard said. "We think the effect of those deliberations will be universal and without exception for the worse."

Ikard and Spahr opposed the House-Senate conference committee plan to expand federal price controls on domestic crude oil and cut the average price from \$8.75 to \$7.55 per barrel.

They said lowering the price would make it uneconomical to develop vitally needed new domestic energy sources, crippling efforts to achieve energy independence and ultimately bringing higher rather than lower prices to American consumers.

But another speaker, Sen. Charles H. Percy, R-Ill., said he expects Congress to approve the rollback bill swiftly and President Ford to sign it promptly despite opposition from administration energy experts and from the oil industry.

The rollback is part of a comprehensive energy bill designed to take effect when present price controls expire Saturday.

Percy said the bill is "far from perfect," but a presidential veto would mean sudden decontrol of domestic oil prices, a rapid jump in consumer prices and "a dangerous jolt to the already shaky economic recovery."

"Action on energy legislation requires an end to political confrontation and a move toward compromise," Percy said.

"Perhaps this is too much to ask from a Republican president and a Democratic Congress on the eve of an election year, but there is a lot more at stake than victory at the polls," he said. "Nothing less than the nation's security and independence depends on creation of a comprehensive energy policy."

Chicken tops 'exam specials'

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This week's menus are "Exam Week Specials" by Kathy Huertler of the Organization of Town Independent Students. Those of you who plan to starve this week or intend to subsist on vending machine goodies — don't! These meals can be made on short notice or made in quantity to last two or three days.

For Sunday's sweet and sour chicken, boil two pounds of chicken parts, one teaspoon garlic salt and one-eighth teaspoon pepper in 1 1/4 cups of water

in a covered saucepan. Cook about 40 minutes until chicken is tender. Remove chicken from bones and replace in 1 1/4 cups of the broth from cooking. Save the rest of the broth for cooking rice. Mix two tablespoons cornstarch and one-fourth cup sugar and add to chicken mixture.

Add one cup drained pineapple chunks, one-third cup raisins, one-fourth cup vinegar and 3 tablespoons soy sauce. Cook uncovered until broth thickens, stirring occasionally. Serve over cooked rice made with chicken broth.

This week's Menu

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Tomato soup Grilled cheese sandwiches Celery and pickles Ice cream & peanut butter cookies	Spaghetti & meatballs Coleslaw Garlic bread
THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Hot dogs Baked beans Sliced tomatoes Brownies	Hero hash grinders (made with Italian sausage, ground beef & seasonings on Italian rolls) Peas & onions Mixed vegetable salad Applesauce
SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Beef stew Cooked cabbage French bread Canned fruit on cottage cheese	Sweet and sour chicken Rice Mixed vegetables in Jello Corn bread Cherry cobbler
MONDAY	
Tunaburgers Potato chips Broccoli Fresh fruit	

Ford to attend 6-nation summit

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Ford will attend a six-country economic summit conference in Paris this weekend, but key administration officials and government economists say they don't expect any significant international agreement to emerge from the talks.

Ford will meet with the heads of state of Great Britain, Italy, France, West Germany and Japan on Saturday at the Chateau Rambouillet, just outside

Paris, for a three-day conference on the state of the world's economy.

Top administration economic advisers concede, however, that the meeting will probably be more of a "seminar" than a summit, dealing in general attitudes rather than specific objectives.

A top administration official agreed, saying there definitely will be no major policy announcement coming out of the conference.

A Treasury official con-

ceded the talks probably won't yield any "substantial changes in international policy," but maintained that the meeting is important because it will give the leaders of industrial nations "a chance to compare notes" on their individual economic policies.

Another spokesman described the upcoming meeting as "a discussion group, a sort of seminar" on the state of the world's economy and said the purpose of the talks was to lay a

"foundation" for future international cooperation in solving world economic problems.

But one source said there is some possibility of stagnation or even conflict at the talks.

The official said some of the nations attending the conference are not happy that the host, France, excluded Canada from the talks and may not be fully cooperative.

Furthermore, he said, France and the United States are on opposite sides of a touchy exchange rate controversy and may get bogged down in policy bickering.

Under the format set up for the talks, each country will lead in a discussion on one of the major problems confronting the world's economy.

The United States will be responsible for leading the talks on the international energy crisis, France on the international monetary slump, West Germany on world-wide inflation

Kissinger seeks SALT pact

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, while reaffirming the U.S. policy of detente with Russia, said yesterday there can be no summit meeting between President Ford and Leonid Brezhnev unless accord is reached on strategic arms limitation.

On the other hand, he rejected reports that Chinese objections to detente are threatening

to hold up the President's planned visit to Peking, saying the trip "is on schedule" for later this month.

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GM reported antitrust suit target

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Justice Department yesterday said its antitrust division is not taking the initiative in attempting to break up General Motors, the world's largest automobile maker.

Reports of antitrust action against GM circulated in Washington and Detroit over the weekend, but none of the parties involved would confirm it.

A Justice Department official said any idea of breaking up GM, which has more than half the U.S. auto market, did not come from the department's antitrust division.

He added the department knew nothing about Federal Trade Commission plans.

NBC reported Saturday that the FTC was moving toward a decision whether to charge GM with antitrust violations.

Leonard J. McEnnis Jr., the FTC's deputy public information officer in Washington, said the agency would not confirm or deny the report.

"On this particular thing we just can't say anything at all," he said.

In a single brief statement, GM spokesman said, "We are totally unaware of any action of this kind."

The Detroit Free Press reported Justice Department sources said that the government will be taking a much closer look at possible antitrust action because the giant automaker appears to be taking advantage of the economic slump to greatly increase its dominance in the auto industry.

GM's sales last year amounted to \$32 billion,

second only to Exxon Corp., and its profits totaled \$950 million, down 60 per cent from its record \$2.4 billion profits the year before.

GM has been the subject of several antitrust actions in the past and Sen. Philip Hart, D-Mich., chairman of the Senate antitrust and monopoly subcommittee, has talked for years about breaking up GM.

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