

Senate kills anti-abortion effort

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate yesterday rejected an effort to amend the Constitution to bar abortions, voting 47 to 40 against putting the issue to a final vote.

The action turned back a move by Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., and others opposed to legalized abortions to include a "right-to-life" provision in the Constitution.

Helms told senators that in voting against bringing up his proposal for formal consideration, they were actually voting to kill it.

He said the vote "will be viewed by millions of Americans as a vote against the protection of the life of the unborn."

Helms' proposal would have amounted to a flat ban against all abortions, in effect overturning the landmark 1973 Supreme Court decision which invalidated state anti-abortion laws.

Sen. Birch Bayh, D-Ind., led the successful battle to table consideration of the measure, saying Helms was trying to bypass a Senate

subcommittee, which rejected the measure last September.

Bayh said that under Helms' proposal all abortions would be banned including those deemed necessary to safeguard the life of the mother.

The Supreme Court ruled in January 1973 that a state may not prevent a woman from having an abortion during the first six months of pregnancy. Although the case involved laws in Georgia and Texas, the

effect of the decision was to invalidate similar laws in nearly every state.

Helms brought his proposal directly to the Senate floor through a parliamentary maneuver which bypassed the Senate Judiciary Committee, where a subcommittee last September blocked his and a number of similar measures. Any senator could have blocked the move for a floor vote by registering an objection to the procedure, but none did.

Marine's death probed

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The Marine Corps ordered courts-martial yesterday for three drill sergeants and a captain in the death of a 110-pound recruit who was beaten savagely during mock bayonet practice.

Charges in the incident, which has provoked the most intensive criticism of the Corps since six recruits drowned in a training march 20 years ago, ranged up to negligent homicide and involuntary man-slaughter.

Pvt. Lynn McClure, 20, of Lufkin, Tex., was knocked unconscious last Dec. 6 in his second day of training and died in the Houston, Tex. veterans hospital on March 13. An autopsy showed McClure had suffered massive skull and brain damage apparently after being battered by "pugil sticks," stave-like wooden sticks with padded ends.

McClure's mother has filed a \$3.5 million wrongful death claim against the Marine Corps. A congressional investigation has been urged by Rep. Charles Wilson, D-Tex. The commandant of the Marine Corps Recruit Depot said Tuesday that he expects one to be held. Wilson said McClure should never have been recruited because he had an arrest record and a history of mental

retardation.

Col. R.A. Seymour, who commanded the special training unit, and a second captain agreed to accept administrative nonjudicial punishment for dereliction of duties, a Marine spokesman said.

The Marines have made several changes in training methods since McClure's death. These changes included an end to Sunday workouts and the banning of drills with pugil sticks, although a spokesman said the McClure incident did not spark the reforms.

McClure entered the Marine Corps after passing a written examination in Austin, Tex. He had failed a similar test earlier in his hometown. The Corps has said it checked with local authorities but was not advised that McClure had a police record.

Seymour's discipline will not be made public to avoid violating his right to privacy, the spokesman said.

After studying the investigation report, Houghton ordered a general court-martial for Sgt. H.E. Aguilar, S. Sgt. Harold L. Bronson and Capt. C.V. Taylor. He ordered a special court-martial for S. Sgt. H.C. Wallraff.

House votes down defense budget cut

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The House, after a sharp debate over U.S. military power, yesterday rejected a proposal to cut \$300 million from next year's defense spending.

Rep. Robert Giaimo, D-Conn., who proposed the across-the-board cut, said it would have made the Pentagon "weed out marginal and overfunded programs."

His proposal also would have cut \$2 billion from

defense budget authority, most of it involving spending in future years.

Its defeat, 255 to 145, left 1977 defense spending in a budget resolution being considered by the House at \$100.6 billion, which is \$8.4 billion more than 1976, and nearly the amount President Ford asked.

However, Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman, D-N.Y., was ready with another amendment, to be debated today, which

would shift \$2.5 billion from defense to job programs, welfare, education, and law enforcement.

Giaimo said his proposal "will not jeopardize national defense. It will not make us second to the Soviet Union."

Rep. Delbert L. Latta, R-Ohio, said the Russians are ahead of the United States in virtually every weapons category except helicopters. He said "the world map is becoming more red every year" and "the United States is the last bastion" to protect freedom.

Rep. George H. Mahon, D-Tex., chairman of the Appropriations Committee, said this was a "poor" time to cut defense.

The education extension proposed by Rep. Robert W. Edgar, a freshman democrat from Pennsylvania, was opposed by major veterans organizations and by Rep. Ray Roberts, D-Tex., chairman of the Veterans Affairs Committee.

Roberts said the education extension would apply to veterans of peacetime service between the Korean and Vietnam wars.

Other opponents said some

of those whose education eligibility would be extended are 65 years old.

The House adopted Edgar's proposal by 218 to 188 and adopted the over-all increase for veterans, 397 to 6.

That brought the proposed 1977 budget which the House is considering to \$415.4 billion. This figure was under attack from several directions.

Rep. Delbert Latta, R-Ohio, proposed on behalf of Republicans an amendment to cut \$13.7 billion in spending, while restoring \$10.9 billion in new tax cuts rejected by the budget committee.

Rep. John Rousselot, R-Calif., urged spending cuts to achieve a zero deficit.

The \$413.6 billion 1977 budget recommended to the House by the House Budget Committee was nearly \$18 billion more than President Ford requested. It included a deficit of \$50.6 billion, \$6 billion more than Ford's revised deficit figure.

The committee recommended Ford be given \$8.4 billion of the \$8.8 billion increase he requested in defense spending over 1976.

Food, music slated for Gentle Thursday

The annual Gentle Thursday celebration will take place today from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on the HUB lawn.

Free merchandise and food will be distributed all day, Bill Ferris, coordinator for the event, said.

The schedule of musical entertainment is as follows:

- 10 a.m.—10:50 a.m. — Mary Fitz Patrick;
- 11:10 a.m. to 12 — Ellen Edvar and Tom Sheehan;

- 12:20 to 1:10 p.m. — Spring Creek Ramblers;
- 1:30 to 2:20 p.m. — Taxi;
- 2:40 to 3:30 p.m. — Backstage;
- 3:50 to 4:40 p.m. — Artisan Water;
- 5:00 to 5:50 p.m. — Nairobi Quintet;
- 6:10 to 7 p.m. — Mother Funk;
- 7:20 to 8:10 p.m. — Loose as a Goose; and
- 8:30 to 10 p.m. — Thief

Ford threatens bill veto

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate yesterday gave final congressional approval to the \$3.1 billion foreign military aid bill, most of it earmarked for Israel, and sent it to the White House where President Ford has threatened to veto it.

Senate action came only a few hours after the House passed the measure by a vote that narrowly defeated a Republican-led attempt to kill it. The Senate vote was 51 to 35, the House vote 215 to 185.

Those margins indicated there might well be insufficient votes to override a presidential veto.

The legislation is for the current fiscal year. A

separate bill for the next fiscal year, which begins in October, is pending in congressional committees.

Ford has threatened to veto the current measure because of provisions for tighter congressional control over sale of arms to foreign nations.

These include placing a \$9 billion annual ceiling on commercial as well as government-to-government sales of military weapons.

Another forbids discrimination against U.S. employees involved in arms sales by foreign governments on the basis of race, religion, sex or national origin, which the administration fears

might offend Arab states.

The legislation also prohibits providing military aid to nations whose governments violate human rights of their own citizens — a measure congressional sources said was aimed mainly at South Korea.

Police log

Ferguson Township police reported a woman was either raped or indecently assaulted on Deibler Road, located in Pennsylvania Furnace, around 11:30 a.m. yesterday. Police are investigating the incident.


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