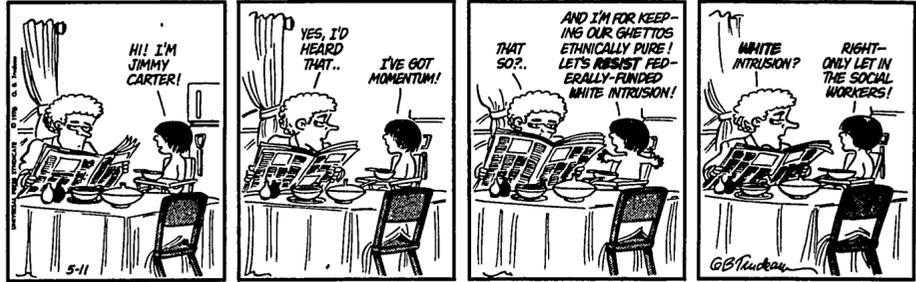


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Legislators reject budget

HARRISBURG (AP) — House leaders once again fell short in efforts to gather enough votes to pass a proposed \$4.7 billion general state budget yesterday.

The House has tried repeatedly since late March to pass the budget. Returning from a four-week recess, Democratic leaders thought they would make it yesterday.

Seven new legislators, including six Democrats, were sworn in as the session began. The seven were winners of special elections held last month to fill vacant seats.

But a survey taken at a caucus showed that too many other Democrats were missing and the leaders did not try for a vote. They also decided to put off action on a proposal designed to let Philadelphia raise its municipal taxes.

To pass either the state budget or the Philadelphia tax bill, a majority of at least 102 votes is needed in the House.

In a series of previous efforts to pass the spending package, there have been as many as 99, but never enough for passage. "We have the 102 votes. Our problem is medical," said Majority Leader K. Leroy Irvis.

He said two legislators are in hospitals and three others have various medical problems which prevented them from attending yesterday's session. Other lawmakers simply did not show up. Irvis said he would work on rounding up some of the missing members and will probably try again today to pass the budget.

One legislator emerged from the Democratic caucus and noted the irony of yesterday's situation.

"Six weeks ago we ran this bill (the budget) and got 99 votes. Then we had a special election and got six new Democrats. So today we took a nose count and we got 99 votes. You explain it to me..." said Rep. William Lincoln, D-Fayette.

The budget is for the fiscal year beginning July 1, and leaders want to approve it as soon as possible. In past years the legislature has gone down to the wire on the budget, and has sometimes missed the deadline.

Once the House approves the spending bill, it must still be passed by the Senate.

There is a Thursday deadline for passage of the Philadelphia tax measure, but Irvis was not optimistic about it.

"That is in more difficulty than the budget... The two are intertwined," he said.

The reason for the Thursday deadline is legal. Philadelphia must have the legislation by then in order for city council to enact its own annual budget.

Otherwise, the city may have to make cuts in its budget, lay off city employees and take other austerity measures.

Democrats from Delaware County are angry over the Philadelphia measure. A provision limiting the city's wage tax on suburbanites was eliminated, and the county's Democratic legislators have retaliated by refusing to support the budget.

Pa., Ohio locations examined

Volkswagen stalls on plant sites

WOLFSBURG, West Germany (UPI) — A spokesman for Volkswagen, Europe's largest car manufacturer, yesterday said it has neither chosen nor ruled out any site for its planned \$240 million U.S. assembly plant.

The Volkswagen statement followed reports from informed company sources that the automaker had decided to choose between two potential sites near Cleveland and Pittsburgh, and had ruled out any plans for building a factory near Columbus, Ohio.

"No site has been chosen for the plant and no site has been ruled out," said Ekkehard Wesener of the firm's press department.

The company sources said

WV had narrowed its selection to a partially completed Chrysler plant in New Stanton, Pa., and a former tank factory in Brook Park, Ohio.

However, Wesener said, "Columbus is neither in nor out and this holds true for any other place because we have never officially named a location for the plant.

"Much may still happen until the site is announced," Wesener said. "Officially, there can be no talk of Volkswagen having cut its choice of a plant in the U.S. to two sites."

Wesener said he could give no timetable for the site selection beyond earlier company reports that the site would be announced by late June.

Volkswagen's supervisory board voted April 23 to build a U.S. factory to produce its Rabbit model. The company said an American site will cut production and shipping costs by about \$350 per car and offset losses from currency fluctuations.

The assembly lines, scheduled to begin rolling in the fall of 1977, will eventually provide jobs for 5,000 American workers.

In his annual report yesterday, Volkswagen Chief Toni Schmuecker said production in the United States was "unavoidable" if Volkswagen wished to remain competitive. Schmuecker said \$50 million toward financing the plant would come from the company's own capital and the rest would be raised on the American market.

The higher value of German marks against the dollar has pushed Volkswagen from its position as the most popular foreign car in the United States, the company chief said.

Schmuecker said the company delivered 2.7 percent fewer cars worldwide in the first four months of this year. He said the drop in deliveries could be attributed to the company's weaker performance on the U.S. market.

Meat firms give Army raw deal

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Some military meat inspectors were given cash, prostitutes and free trips if they did not "hassle" a firm that was swapping cheap meat for prime cuts on military shipments, a Senate panel was told yesterday.

Sen. Lawton Chiles, D-Fla., chairman of the Senate subcommittee on federal spending practices which opened hearings yesterday, said irregularities in military meat inspections led to millions of dollars in illegal profits for some meat packers.

Sgt. Charles Reindinger, in charge of food inspection at the Boston branch of the Army Veterinary Inspection Service, and Manuel Pacheco, a civilian inspector, said they took thousands of dollars from the now defunct G&G Packing Co. of Roxbury, Mass.

G&G Packing and another firm involved in the case, Blue Ribbon Frozen Food Corp. of Hamden, Conn., were owned by Harry Goldberg and David Frank Goldberg. The second firm is also out of business.

Edward Kehl, quality control manager at the Roxbury firm, testified his company made as much as \$960,000 a week in illegal profits. If the military detected a problem, Kehl said, "I would lie to them and try to confuse them."

Reindinger said he was paid \$400 a month for giving "no hassle" to the G&G operation. He also admitted that on numerous occasions he was provided with the services of a prostitute.

Pacheco said he accepted a total of about \$8,000 and was asked to "refrain from hassling the employees." He said he knew the firm was switching low quality cuts for

meat costing the Army up to \$4 a pound.

Nadja Hoyer-Booth, 20, worked at the G&G plant as a military inspector and admitted receiving several gifts, including two expensive paid weekend trips, professional football tickets, plane tickets, three expensive suits and free meat.

While knowing it was wrong, Hoyer-Booth said "it didn't seem to be a big deal. Everyone was doing it."

Kehl said the most profitable switch involved substituting beef knuckle for top sirloin butt.

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45 Not quite
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1 Nixon and Crowley
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3 Type of delivery; abbr
4 Buster Brown's dog and others
5 Wore away
6 Francis, for one
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10 Ending for eight or nine
11 Make a mistake
12 "Thicker than water"
13 Fraternity girl
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16 Picture surroundings
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19 Hindu souls
20 Beachcomber's find
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22 Famous Russian step city
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31 Printer's measure
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34 O. Henry's real name
35 National songs
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