

Clean air bill OK'd in Senate

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate yesterday gave strong approval to a bill to move the nation toward clean air within the pressures of energy supply and economic growth.

The vote was 78 to 13. Backers called it a realistic approach to the environment. Critics said it bows to industry and makes it easy to continue pollution.

The House began debate Wednesday on a different clean air bill. When completed, the Senate and the House will have to iron out differences.

In some ways, the Senate bill toughens the 1970 Clean Air Act; in others, it post-

pones or relaxes that act. It would:

- Give automakers more time to reach exhaust standards, despite Sen. Gary Hart's contention of a "bow to auto industry pressures."
- Give cities more time to improve and try new forms of mass transit.
- Require that areas with clean air should not suffer "significant deterioration." This would be done by regulating new sources of pollution.
- Let the federal environmental protection administrator specify design standards for some things spewing harmful substances.
- Allow an extension of the deadline for emission standards for industries switching from a scarce fuel to coal.
- Establish a National Air Quality Commission to list clean-air regions and document pollution in the context of economic growth and employment.
- Require studies to see if aerosol sprays threaten the atmosphere.

Health food stores offer wide variety

State College's three health-food stores offer the consumer a wide range of organic and natural products that vary both in quality and price.

The Dandelion Market on Pugh Street resembles an authentic general store. Flours, grains, dried fruits and nuts are stored in large, old-fashioned bins and sold in bulk. The Market sells fresh produce from local organic farmers and many packaged foods from natural foods companies.

New Morning Natural Foods, which is situated in a rambling old house on the corner of W. College Avenue and S. Atherton Street, also carries bulk products which are stored in large bins. Prices are consistently lower than at Dandelion Market.

Another alternative is the Nittany Mall's General Nutrition Center (GNC), a small, modern store that specializes in packaged Golden Harvest brand foods from the Natural Sales Co. in Pittsburgh.

GNC caters to snackers by providing samples of dried fruits, nuts, cereals and candies. The store's major drawback is its crowded quarters, which often are swarming with Mall shoppers. Students also may find GNC less accessible than health-food stores downtown. Prices here are slightly higher than at New Morning but still lower than at Dandelion Market.

All three stores carry herbal teas, spices, "naturally-derived" vitamins, natural juices, health-related books, cosmetics, dairy products and baked goods. The Dandelion Market also sells "natural" shoes, garden fertilizers and kitchen utensils.

SOME COMMON HEALTH FOODS	Dandelion Market Pugh St.	General Nutrition Center Nittany Mall	New Morning W. College
Dried Fruits:			
Apples	1.98/lb.	79¢/6 oz.	1.60/lb.
Apricots	3.20/lb.	1.09/8 oz.	2.50/lb.
Dates	1.10/lb.	1.39/24 oz.	90¢/lb.
Figs (Black Mission)	1.39/lb.	1.39/12 oz.	1.10/lb.
Prunes	1.12/lb.	79¢/12 oz.	85¢/lb.
Raisins	1.10/lb.	49¢/8 oz.	82¢/lb.
Flours:			
Carob	1.05/lb.	99¢/lb.	1.05/lb.
Soy	45¢/lb.	Varied pkgs., approx. 70¢/lb.	42¢/lb.
Unbleached White	34¢/lb.	Varied pkgs., approx. 31¢/lb.	29¢/lb.
Whole Wheat	28¢/lb.	Varied pkgs., approx. 32¢/lb.	26¢/lb.
Granola	1.05/lb.	59¢/lb.	80¢/lb.
Honey	80¢/lb.	1.29/lb. (spread)	80¢/lb.
Peanut Butter	1.12/lb.	99¢/lb.	1.00/lb.
Sea Salt	30¢/lb.	69¢/2 lb. jar	21¢/lb.
Wheat Germ	44¢/lb.	35¢/2 lb. bag	56¢/lb.
Yogurt	1.25/qt. or 45¢/8 oz.	42¢/8 oz.	1.18/qt. or 41¢/8 oz.

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Approval of swine flu vaccine urged

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional health leaders are still pressing for quick approval of insurance legislation needed for the swine flu vaccination program despite reports that the mysterious disease in Pennsylvania is probably not swine flu.

The outbreak in Pennsylvania last week prompted new efforts in Congress to revive President Ford's swine flu program after an impasse had developed over insurance coverage.

House Commerce Committee Chairman Harley O. Staggers, D-W.Va. urged the panel yesterday to pass the federal insurance liability plan to be on the safe side.

"I'd rather err on the side of it being swine flu in Pennsylvania and be ready for it than have someone say we didn't act and there was a serious epidemic," said Staggers.

But there was stiff opposition from some Democrats in the committee to rushing the federal insurance plan through Congress.

"I haven't seen anything like this since the Gulf of Tonkin," said Rep. Henry A. Waxman, D-Calif. "I hate to be panicked into acting when we don't know what we're doing."

He said he has "great trepidations" that the court system would be overburdened by the plan. It would require the federal government to cover most patient claims arising out of any injury from the vaccine.

The plan, supported by health subcommittee chairman Paul G. Rogers, D-Fla., was put together after producers refused to

sell vaccine to the government because of inability to obtain private insurance.

The insurance firms said that Ford's plan to immunize all Americans against swine flu could conceivably bring a flood of lawsuits from patients claiming they were injured in the inoculation program. And, the insurance firms argued, they couldn't afford that, especially with the trend toward large malpractice awards in court over the past few years.

In Pennsylvania, state researchers trying to identify the deadly disease which has killed 23 persons said it probably is not swine flu.

Meanwhile, Dr. David J. Sencer, director of the federal Center for Disease Control, told a Senate health subcommittee that the same liability concerns that have stalled the swine flu immunization program have jeopardized public vaccination of 1.5 million poor children against polio and measles.

Suppliers of polio and measles vaccines, he said, are insisting on new safeguards that are impossible to meet.

He said Lederle Laboratories is insisting that only doctors give polio vaccine, and Merck, Sharp & Dohme is insisting that doctors advise parents of benefits and risks of measles vaccinations. Their demands, in contracts which have not been signed, were prompted by concern over manufacturers' liability if injuries result, he said.

Sencer said the Public Health Service does not have enough doctors in public clinics in urban and rural areas to meet those demands, and it is contrary to good public health policy to use the skills of doctors that way.

Plan for environment 'idealistic'

The proposed Environmental Master Plan for Pennsylvania is idealistic and perhaps politically beyond the realm of possibility, according to Herbert Kaulh of the Centre Regional planning staff.

Kaulh gave his opinions along with Dennis Elpern, also of the planning staff, to the Centre Regional Planning Commission last night.

Kaulh said the opening statements of the plan attempt to refute the idea that man is above nature and that technology is more important than the environment, and instead try to show that man is part of an ecosystem.

However, Kaulh and Elpern pointed out that the eight

"critical" areas that are to be immediately covered are those areas that can benefit man, such as coal resources and farmlands, and not environmental issues, such as woodlands and wildlife.

"I'm not so sure we are getting a new environmental ethic, but pretty much of the same thing," Elpern said of the plan.

The Commission made comments on certain parts of the plan they felt to be lacking and at the next meeting will write a letter to the state expressing the commission's views.

The plan is being submitted to planning commissions around the state to get community input before it is finally amended and implemented.

Divers inoculated against disease

River searched for flood victims

LOVELAND, Colo. (UPI) — Inoculated against possible disease from rotting bodies, scuba divers yesterday searched the murky waters of the Big Thompson River for flood victims trapped in dozens of submerged cars and campers.

More than 100 victims of the Saturday night disaster have filled makeshift morgues at Loveland, near the mouth of the canyon, and at the mountain resort of Estes Park at the headwaters of the river. Only a third of them have been identified.

Authorities said an accurate count of missing was impossible, but the Red Cross said it had a list of 800 missing persons compiled from interviews with survivors and nearly 4,000 inquiries from relatives and friends.

Sheriff Bob Watson said the five-man diving team, wearing wet suits and tied by lifelines to rescuers on the bank of the muddy river, tried to locate bodies in the multitude of twisted cars and trucks.

Before entering the murky pools, the divers were inoculated against diphtheria and typhoid. Health officials said the action was a precaution and said there was no immediate danger of an outbreak of disease.

Deputy Sheriff Edward Rupert, who volunteered to lead the diving team, disagreed.

"We've got to get those bodies out," Rupert said. "Disease always follows flood

because of the decomposition of the bodies. We have all the living out so the bodies are our next priority."

Elsewhere in the mud-caked canyon, specially trained dogs sniffed at tangled tree limbs and debris left by the 19-foot torrent of water. Bright yellow ribbons marked possible gravesites.

"All the bodies on the surface are out," said Lt. Richard Hovey of the Larimer County sheriff's office. "The dogs have located several areas of debris where bodies may be, but they could be human or animals. We won't know until we pull the piles apart."

He said it was extremely unlikely anyone would be found alive in the debris. "It would take a superhuman person to survive since Saturday night, especially if he was injured," Hovey said.

Lebanon cease-fire seems to take hold

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — A general cease-fire appeared to be taking hold on most fronts in Lebanon's civil war yesterday. But it was jeopardized by fighting between right-wing Christians and a hard-core handful of Moslems defending a Beirut slum.

The cease-fire suffered another potential setback when Christian, Syrian and Lebanese-leftist officials reportedly failed to attend a truce meeting at Sofar, a mountain resort near Beirut, to review progress of the accord. A leftist source said

only a Palestinian guerrilla representative showed up.

The latest in a string of more than 50 cease-fires went into effect at 1 a.m. yesterday. It had been negotiated by the Arab League and the Syrians, who are to serve as guarantors.

Residents of Beirut took advantage of the latest break in the 16-month-old civil war. A steady flow of refugees, many carrying personal and household effects, moved from the Christian sector across "no man's land" into Moslem-controlled west Beirut.

The absence of rightist leaders at Sofar may have been directly related to the last-ditch battle at the Beirut slum of Nabaa, a Moslem stronghold in Christian east Beirut.

Observers theorized that the Christians may not join fully in the truce agreement until after Nabaa is under their total control.

The most crucial phase of the truce, however, may come when Arab League peace-keeping forces try to set up buffer zones at "hot spots" along the front lines in the next day or two.

The Christian radio claimed originally that Nabaa had fallen just before the cease-fire went into effect. But the Christians later admitted that fighting was continuing there and at the Tal Zaatar Palestinian refugee camp, another east Beirut stronghold.

Still later, Christian broadcasts said the situation in Nabaa was quiet and that the remaining Moslem holdouts would surrender soon.

Leftist broadcasts charged that the Christian attacks on Nabaa violated the cease-fire.

Jury still out in Harris trial

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — The jury in the trial of William and Emily Harris spent a sixth day of deliberation yesterday without reaching a verdict.

The panel was obviously in disagreement on at least some of the 11 counts of kidnaping, assault and robbery charged against the former Symbionese Liberation Army members.

Harris' mother and stepfather, who have been in Los Angeles for two weeks, said they were going home to Carmel, Ind., without waiting any longer for a verdict.

Betty Bunnell said she was exhausted by the ordeal and felt it might be days before the jury came in. Her husband, Jerry Bunnell, retired from the Air Force, said, "if we had the Hears's money perhaps we could stay on."

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