

Fee denials could mean appropriations reduction

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University appropriations could be decreased by over \$6.35 million if two state funding measures are defeated, several state officials said.

If the General Assembly defeats a bill raising licensing fees or if the Liquor Control Board refuses to charge an additional 10 cents per bottle, the state will be left with as much as a \$41 million hole in its proposed budget, said DeBenedictis, press secretary for Gov. Dick Thornburgh's Office of Budget and Administration.

The governor would have "no alternative" but to take the money from the non-preferred institutions, including the University, DeBenedictis said.

Rep. Gregg Cunningham, R-Centre County, said: "I keep hearing the argument, 'Penn State will be taken care of, somehow,' but the governor isn't bluffing on this. He has an obligation to balance the budget."

The reductions could amount to over 5 percent of each institution's appropriation, DeBenedictis said.

A 5 percent reduction in the University's \$127 million proposed appropriation equals \$6.35 million.

One spending measure, a bill allowing legislators to raise licensing fees which "haven't been raised in decades," was recently defeated, Cunningham said.

These licenses include restaurant ownership and operation, horse-racing, and educational and agricultural activities, he said.

Passage of the bill would raise \$15 million of the \$41 million needed to balance the budget, Cunningham said.

Chances for quick passage of the legislation are not good, Cunningham said, adding that three different versions of the bill have been defeated already.

"The Democrats don't want Thornburgh to

have the money," he said.

The fourth version would require both the House and Senate to approve a fee after Thornburgh proposes it, Cunningham said.

"I accept this approach almost out of desperation," he said. Reaching agreement between the House and the Senate on a proposed fee will be difficult, Cunningham said.

He said the General Assembly leadership thinks this approach would be "tantamount to doing nothing at all."

The other spending measure was proposed by Thornburgh in his January budget proposal.

Thornburgh asked the LCB to add 10 cents per bottle to liquor sold in the state.

This measure would raise \$26 million for the state and fill another hole in Thornburgh's budget, DeBenedictis said.

Although the measure does not need legislative approval, the LCB is awaiting a report from Sen. James R. Kelley, D-Westmoreland, chairman of the Law and Justice Committee, DeBenedictis said.

The committee held hearings on the 10-cent increase and its constitutionality, and Kelley is waiting for the transcripts, his legislative aide Barbara White said.

"Philosophically the senator has problems with the governor asking them (the LCB) to raise the costs," she said.

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GOP leaders attack Carter's Detroit visit

DETROIT (UPI) — President Carter's 45-minute stopover in the GOP convention city yesterday angered Republican leaders, who blasted him for not offering major relief to the economically staggering U.S. auto industry.

Brock, Sen. Robert Dole of Kansas, Sen. Roger Jepsen of Iowa and Rep. Jack Kemp of New York called for repeal or a freeze on government regulations on the automobile industry, especially emission and mileage standards.

Republican National Chairman Bill Brock and other party leaders called a news conference after Carter left town to charge his proposals did nothing to fight either the causes of unemployment or slumping automobile sales.

"The president brought an empty platter to Detroit and tried to make something out of it," Brock said. "There was nothing there to deal with the fundamental cause of unemployment — promising unemployment benefits that are already there — what kind of promise is that?"

Sen. John Tower of Texas, chairman of the platform committee, called the Carter airport stop "squalid politics," and Brock said Carter "has a lot of nerve even showing up in this particular city — a city that has suffered the consequences of the fatal economic policies of his administration."

"What occurred today is a political maneuver reflecting the political panic that now consumes Mr. Carter and his advisers," he said.

"It was Mr. Carter who appointed regulatory extremists in an effort to pay off his campaign debts to those who advocate no growth," Brock said.

Dole called Carter's trip "just another example of the administration's desperation in the face of almost certain defeat this fall."

"And today, with very little time left for his administration, in a measly 45-minute stopover, he has attempted to hoodwink the unemployed autoworker who is paying the price of this outstanding debt."

Sun and showers

In a meeting with top auto industry executives at the Detroit airport, Carter proposed nearly \$1 billion in government aid including special assistance for cities with high auto-related unemployment and small business loans to hard pressed auto dealers. He also called for a quick ruling on the autoworkers' petition to limit foreign car imports.

Plenty of morning sunshine today will gradually fade behind increasing cloudiness during the afternoon with a seasonable high of 82. Tonight will be quite cloudy and muggy with scattered showers and thundershowers arriving after midnight with a low of 65. Scattered showers will continue tomorrow with some clearing possible by late afternoon with a high of 79. Friday will be partly sunny and warm with a high reaching 80 degrees.



And-a-one-and-a-two
Striking up the music at lastnight's opening ceremony of the Arts Festival, the Penn State Dance Band welcomes the crowd on South Allen Street. The band provided tunes for the spectators' listening and, in the case of this couple, dancing pleasures from 7:30 p.m. on.

Paraphernalia restriction favored Wakeley proposes ban on sale

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Two proposed ordinances restricting the sale of drug paraphernalia in State College were presented to the State College Municipal Council at its last meeting.

An ordinance proposed by council member Joseph Wakeley Monday night would ban the sale of drug paraphernalia which "encourages and glamorizes the use of illegal drugs."

"I'm concerned about the increased use of illegal drugs in our community," Wakeley said. "This would be a positive step in reducing the use of drugs."

An alternate proposal, submitted by council member Dan Chaffee, would restrict the sale of drug paraphernalia to persons younger than 18, rather than ban it completely.

"I'm not condoning the use of drugs, but let's bring it (paraphernalia) in line with the state law for tobacco," Chaffee said.

"The Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act says that the use of controlled drugs is illegal," Wakeley said. "To say that one person can use something because they

are 18 plus one day and another can't because they are 18 minus one day... is ludicrous."

Chaffee said he believes his proposal addresses the immediate problem of illegal drug use in State College junior and senior high schools. Similar proposals have been accepted statewide in California and Virginia, he said.



Bill Cluck, adviser to the University chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML), called Chaffee's proposal "a reasonable compromise."

"There should be legislation that would ban the sale of drug devices to

minors," Cluck said.

Both Chaffee and Cluck said they were concerned about the constitutionality of Wakeley's proposal and the probability of its being challenged in the courts. Cluck said similar ordinances have been challenged in other communities.

"State law allows the sale of paraphernalia," Chaffee said. "I don't think we (the borough) can make it illegal."

"Far more effective measures" exist to combat drug use than banning the use of drug paraphernalia, Cluck said. "You don't take away swizzle sticks and shot glasses to combat alcohol use."

"No way are we going to get near solving the problem by banning paraphernalia," Chaffee said. "It's foolish for people to think that."

Paraphernalia retailers, or "head shops," are being made into scapegoats, Cluck said. Since banning the sale of paraphernalia will not affect the demand for it, illegal sale at higher prices will result, he said.

Chaffee's proposal was referred to the public safety committee. Both ordinances will be on next month's agenda.

Large-scale TMI venting starts

HARRISBURG (AP) — A large-scale system for venting radioactive krypton gas was started up yesterday at Three Mile Island while a state official accused the federal government of "shirking a responsibility" by not providing recovery aid for the crippled reactor.

The move to speed decontamination of the reactor containment building began yesterday, but the procedure will not be considered "routine" until plant technicians have examined it for a day, said Sandy Polon, a spokesman for the Middletown, Pa. facility.

Meanwhile, Susan Shanaman, chairman of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, criticized the government for not aiding the recovery project.

"I am keenly disappointed and distressed over what I think is a wholly inadequate response by President Carter," the chairman said in a statement.

The July 3 letter "makes it appear that there is little willingness by the Carter Administration to help Met Ed consumers faced with heavy replacement power costs," she said, referring to Metropolitan Edison, the plant operator.

The PUC urged Carter four months ago to earmark federal money for the cleanup and recovery of the plant, which was crippled on March 28, 1979 in the nation's worst commercial nuclear accident.

"There is no statutory authority for any form of direct financial aid to assist in cleanup and recovery costs," Stuart Eizenstat, an assistant to the president, replied last week.

"Within the limits of our legal authority, we believe that federal assistance at TMI has been sensitive to the needs of the state and the affected community," he wrote.

Eizenstat said the administration is providing indirect aid through the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Energy.

He said the EPA is currently monitoring krypton venting at the plant, and the DOE will examine the partially melted reactor core and study the effects of the accident on critical plant components.

But Shanaman said a General Accounting Office study shows that the plan owners may need "external assistance," possibly from the federal government, to recover their financial health since cleanup of the highly contaminated plant is expected to take until 1985 and cost well over \$400 million.

Procedures yesterday showed that, despite the cost and projected duration of the project, decontamination is progressing as planned. No problems were apparent and the system was handling 1,000 cubic feet of air per minute at 1 p.m., Polon said.

The new equipment has a flow capacity of more than 20,000 cubic feet per minute. The system used during the first phase of the venting had a maximum capacity of 550 cubic feet per minute.

Earlier yesterday, venting through the smaller system was halted after a radiation alarm went off at about 6:20 a.m.

Republicans nix ERA's support

DETROIT (AP) — Republican platform writers voted yesterday to abandon the party's 40-year support for the Equal Rights Amendment and to place instead in the 1980 Republican platform an assertion that the matter "is now in the hands of the state legislatures."

ERA backers called the near-unanimous vote by the human resources subcommittee a major defeat, vowing to appeal to the full 106-member platform committee and to take it to the convention floor if necessary.

But Sen. John Tower, R-Texas, chairman of the subcommittee, said he did not expect the vote to reverse the subcommittee decision. He called the language adopted "a compromise" and told reporters, "I hope there aren't any more controversies."

The plank that was adopted came with the blessings of aides to presidential candidate Ronald Reagan, who personally opposes the ERA.

The subcommittee approved the measure after rejecting flatly, by an 11 to 4 vote, a proposal by delegate John Leopold of Hawaii to repeat the 1976 GOP platform's statement that "the Republican Party reaffirms its support of ratification of the Equal Rights

Amendment."

The subcommittee also rejected a staff draft proposal that mentioned the party's 40-year history of support for the ERA and added that it did not renounce that stand in 1980.

Adopted instead was a proposal by delegates Marilyn Thayer of Louisiana and Guy Farley of Virginia that asserts, in part: "We reaffirm our party's historic commitment to equal rights and equality for women... We oppose any move which would give the federal government more power over families."

"Ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment is now in the hands of the state legislatures and the issues of the time extension and rescission are in the courts..."

Leopold, who provided the only "no" vote when the measure was approved by voice vote, said the plank "will be harmful to the party in November."

And Mary Louise Smith, a former Republican National Committee chairman, vowed to help Leopold in his bid to get the convention to reverse the vote.

"I don't know if we can do it, but we can try," she said. "I don't waste a lot of energy on disappointment."



And she volunteered for this
A female paratrooper from the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina receives a last minute equipment check before taking part in the "Dragon-team 80" airdrop. The massive airdrop included 2,400 troops, as well as equipment, at Egglund Airforce Base in Florida.