

# Women should be drafted, Senate decides

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Tuesday refused to exempt women from the draft in working on a proposed constitutional amendment guaranteeing women equal rights.

The vote was 73 to 18 in the first senate floor action on the constitutional amendment already passed by the House.

"I believe if women want equal rights they should have them all the way," said Sen. Charles Percy, R-Ill.

In effect, senators declined the

advice of the Armed Services Committee chairman, Sen. John Stennis, D-Miss., who said the women's right amendment would create "great doubt, chaos and confusion" with the draft and in the military.

Sen. Sam Ervin, D-N.C., proposed the draft exemption as the amendment to the women's rights measure. But he urged his colleagues to vote against it "if they believe in their heart that women should be drafted and sent into combat where they will

be slaughtered and maimed by the bayonets, bombs, bullets, grenades, napalm and poison gas of the enemy."

Sen. Birch Bayh, D-Ind., manager of the amendment, did not deny women might see combat duty.

"If the country needs them I see no alternative but to require their services," he said, and they "will answer the call."

However, Bayh said, women would be eligible for all service benefits and be assigned as com-

manders see fit, just as men.

Mothers could be exempted by federal law if the amendment passed, Bayh continued. And in any event the number of women drafted and assigned to combat duty, if the draft continued, "would be significantly less than one per cent," he said.

This would be because some of them could not meet required physical tests such as doing push-ups.

The constitutional amendment would need the approval of 88

state legislatures after two-thirds passage in the Senate.

Senators approved a women's rights amendment two years ago but the measure did not get through Congress.

## Native animals food sources, Teer declares

Use of wild, hoofed animals (ungulates) in the arid and semi-arid regions of the United States might be a good source of future meat needs.

Such a system, Dr. James G. Teer of A&M said, also gives merit to the idea of utilizing animals adapted to existing vegetation instead of trying to manage the vegetation to fit domestic livestock.

Teer, head of A&M's Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences Department, told members of the 25th Anniversary Range Science Department Symposium Tuesday that native wild animals are better adapted to their environment than are domestic animals. They have "evolved in place."

He said there is no one ready to state that native or introduced wild ungulates can become commercially important in protein production. Cattle, sheep and goats are doing an adequate job so far.

"Nevertheless, the large amount of meat produced by game animals and harvested by hunters should not be overlooked in planning uses of rangeland vegetation," the speaker pointed out.

Introduced big game animals in Texas, such as the nilgai antelope, can supplement meat production on ranges already supporting other types of livestock, Teer said. There seems to be some economic potential for this particular species in commercial harvest programs on large South Texas ranches. On smaller places, their value would more likely be as game animals.

Successfully introduced animals in Texas, he explained, include the axis deer, blackbuck and nilgai antelope, and the sika and fallow deer.

"If these animals, or others like the eland and gemsbok, could be established in wild populations in the arid and semi-arid desert ranges of the United States and Mexico, their value as producers of meat might be established. There, they could surpass the cow and other domesticated animals in production," he said.

Wild ungulates and other wild-life forms have a future on Texas rangelands. With the livestock industry moving into tame pasture and eastward to better watered ranges, uses of wildlife for meat and sport hunting might become the primary use of rangelands in Central and West Texas for generations to come, Teer said.

## Rose to perform at Coffee House

Folksinger Laural Rose from Dallas will perform Friday and Saturday night at 8 p.m. in the Basement Coffee House.

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