

Senate Passes Measure Asking For List Of Impounded Funds

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate completed congressional action Tuesday on a measure requiring President Nixon to submit to Congress by Feb. 10 a list of all federal funds impounded since last July 1.

It sent the measure to the White House for Nixon's signature.

The provision on impounded funds was added to the usually routine resolution giving Nixon extra time, in this case until Jan. 29, to submit his budget to

Congress.

Sen. Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., originally sought to require the list by Jan. 29 but revised the date to Feb. 5 when the Senate considered the matter on Jan. 6. The House Monday amended it to read Feb. 10, and the Senate by voice vote accepted that amendment Tuesday.

Meanwhile, Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr., D-N.C., introduced a bill to prohibit the President from impounding appropriated funds without the approval of Congress.

THE BATTALION

Watergate Break-In Justified, Says Lawyer

WASHINGTON (AP)—A defense attorney said Tuesday he will attempt to show the Watergate break-in and bugging was motivated by concern that potentially dangerous groups planned violence to Republican officials including President Nixon.

Gerald Alch, attorney for James W. McCord Jr., questioned a witness closely about whether he had seen any members of various anti-war groups in the campaign headquarters of Democrat George S.

McGovern.

McCord and G. Gordon Liddy are the two remaining defendants in the trial involving a break-in June 17 at the Democratic National Committee headquarters.

"If one is under a reasonable apprehension — regardless of whether that apprehension is in fact correct," Alch said outside the courtroom, "he is justified in breaking a law to avoid great harm, which in this case would

include violence against Republican officials, including the President."

Cross-examining Thomas Gregory, a 25-year-old Brigham Young University student who said he was planted as a spy in the headquarters of McGovern and Sen. Edmund Muskie, Alch said:

"Were you present at McGovern headquarters at the time of these demonstrations during the month of May 1972: at Capitol Hill, at the Rayburn Building,

Dupont Circle and Andrews Air Force Base?"

A. I don't know, sir.

Q. Did you see in McGovern headquarters any members of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War?

A. I don't think so, sir.

Q. Do you know any members of the Vietnam Veterans against the War?

A. No, sir.

Alch said outside the courtroom that the attempt to ferret out in-

ipient demonstrations was a key to his defense of McCord.

McCord was security coordinator for the Committee for the Re-election of the President on June 17 when he was arrested in the Watergate building. Liddy — not apprehended inside but charged with the burglary — was counsel for Nixon's campaign finance committee.

Alch said he will attempt to show that potentially violent groups were supporting the Democrats who were being spied upon and were in contact with the groups.

Frank A. Sturgis, Eugenio R. Martinez, Virgilio R. Gonzalez, and Bernard L. Barker, all from Miami, pleaded guilty Monday to breaking into the headquarters and planting devices to intercept oral and wire communications.

The seventh defendant, E. Howard Hunt Jr., pleaded guilty last week. All are awaiting sentencing.

Ridestop Is Alternative For Hitch-Hikers

EUGENE, Ore. AFS — Urban planning students at the University of Oregon are organizing a hitch-hiking system which may become a prototype for other college communities throughout the U.S. It's an efficiently planned routing system, providing sites where students may wait for motorists to pick them up.

Students have proposed 32 initial sites which were chosen for convenience and for safety of passenger and driver. "Ridestop" signs, designed by a Graphics student, are to be placed at these locations.

"What we're really trying to do," a coordinator of the project explained, "is create an additional option of transportation, primarily geared for students."

Ridestop was recently funded by a grant of \$735 from the university; a matching grant is expected from a local community college which is included in the program. The approximate cost is about five cents per student. The plan has been endorsed by many civic groups including the Lane Council of Government, the Transit District, City Councils of Eugene and Springfield, and the League of Women Voters. Ridestop is strictly legal, because riders wait on the curb. If Ridestop succeeds, the plan can be easily adapted to other areas.

Currently, hitchhikers depend upon the goodwill of the drivers. In Poland, a driver-incentive program called the Auto Stop plan has been used. The hitcher buys a book of coupons for the equivalent of about \$2, and rewards the driver with a numbered coupon which may win a Polski Fiat, or other substantial prize. Each book is worth a thousand miles of rides to the buyer, and for each 500,000 books sold, there's a million dollars available for prizes. This system originated in 1958 when they had less than a million vehicles in the Polish People's Republic, for a population of around 30 million.

Humble Grants \$16,500 To A&M

A&M received a \$16,500 Humble Companies Foundation grant Monday for unrestricted use in 11 areas.

President Jack K. Williams accepted the award from J. H. Galloway of Houston at a luncheon attended by TAMU deans and department heads and executives from Exxon USA. Galloway, senior vice president of Exxon USA, is a 1929 mechanical engineering graduate of TAMU.

The \$16,500 included \$2,500 for earth sciences studies in geology and geophysics, and \$2,000 awards each to the Petroleum, Mechanical and Chemical Engineering Departments.

Also, \$1,500 each to the College of Business Administration, Accounting and Electrical Engineering Departments; \$1,000 each to the College of Engineering, Civil and Aerospace Engineering Departments, and \$500 for Texas Transportation Institute for its MacDonald Chair of Transportation.

Accompanying Galloway were E. T. DiCorcia, Baytown Refinery manager; C. R. Hocott, Esso Production Research Co. executive vice president; F. E. Hoglund, East Texas Division manager; E. H. Lovering, headquarters professional recruiting coordinator, and P. W. Edge of Dallas, Western Marketing Region manager and a TAMU graduate.

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