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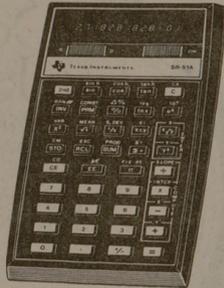
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**Week's end may see vote
on rice quota suspension**

WASHINGTON — A Senate vote could come as soon as the end of this week on a House-passed bill that would suspend rice marketing quotas and lift restrictions on rice-growing by new producers.

The measure, approved by a 311 to 104 margin in the House last month, is strongly endorsed by the Ford administration and is expected to pass the Senate, although it still faces opposition from senators of older rice-producing states, particularly Louisiana.

"You've got very powerful factions on both sides," a source close to the Senate Agriculture Committee said Wednesday, adding that "my guess is that the votes are there to pass it."

The source noted that Agriculture Secretary Earl L. Butz has said that his department "unequivocally sup-

ports" enactment of the House-passed rice bill, which has been approved by the Senate agriculture panel.

Butz's endorsement was contained in a letter to Sen. Walter Huddleston, D-Ky., chairman of the Senate Agriculture subcommittee on agricultural production, marketing and stabilization of prices.

Main support for the legislation has come from members of Congress from Mississippi, Arkansas and Missouri, where larger rice growers have been eager to expand production, contending the United States can now cash in on a bigger export market for rice.

Opponents of the measure — primarily from Louisiana, Texas and California — have contended that the legislation could result in serious overproduction and plummeting of

rice prices, forcing many smaller rice growers out of business.

Among the main opponents is Sen. Russell B. Long, D-La., chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.

However, several observers believe Long may be badly outgunned in the rice fight by the bill's chief supporters — among them Sens. John L. McClellan, D-Ark.; James O. Eastland, D-Miss.; and John C. Stennis, D-Miss. They are chairmen of the Senate Appropriations, Judiciary and Armed Services Committees, respectively.

As passed by the House Dec. 16, the bill would increase the national rice acreage allotment from 1.65 million to 1.8 million acres, with the additional amount to be apportioned to farms on the basis of their 1975 allotments.

The legislation would set a basic target price for 1976 crops at \$8 per hundredweight, with a loan level of \$6 per hundredweight. Those figures would be adjusted in subsequent years to reflect changes in production costs.

While new growers would be free to expand production at their own risk, only allotted acreage would be eligible for coverage under the government loan and target price system.

Subsidy payments under the program would be limited to \$55,000 per person each year. The legislation also would authorize disaster payments for farmers, who, because of conditions beyond their control, are unable to plant their allotment or can only harvest two-thirds of their normal crop.

**Oklahoma Legislature passes bill
to make restitution mandatory**

OKLAHOMA CITY — A bill to force criminals who receive suspended or deferred sentences to make restitution to their victims was passed by an overwhelming 43-1 vote by the State Senate Wednesday.

The bill, which now goes to the House, would not apply to persons actually imprisoned and would be limited to restitution for loss of

money or other valuables and property damage.

Originally, the bill by Sen. Frank Keating, R-Tulsa, called for restitution for persons suffering injury in crimes.

But that portion was stricken from the bill after Sen. Gene Stipe, D-McAlester, said restitution for personal injury might have an adverse affect on potential damage suits brought by victims of crimes.

"That would hurt more people than it would ever help," Stipe said. "It's great to mean well, but it's better to do well."

Stipe voted for the bill, but he said its main effect would be to add to the problem of overcrowded prisons. "This will make them put up money or go to the penitentiary," he said. "It's going to put more poor people in the penitentiary," he said.

Those are the ones who have been going mostly anyway.

Meanwhile, in the House, a bill was passed to require Oklahomans to furnish proof of financial responsibility before being sold a car tag.

Rep. Tom Bamberger, D-Okla. City, a supporter of compulsory liability insurance for motorists, said he has noted increasing support by voters in his district for such legislation.

Under present law, he pointed out, Oklahoma drivers are not required to carry insurance or prove they are financially responsible until after they are involved in an accident.

As a result, Bamberger and other supporters of his proposal argued, uninsured motorists often escape financial liability for property damage and personal injury.

North Texas News Briefs

LAKE WORTH — A group of Lake Worth teachers hope to persuade Lake Worth school board members to take steps to open communication lines in the troubled school district.

Representatives of the Lake Worth unit of the Texas State Teachers Association representing both teachers and administrators will present three proposals to ease problems during a special meeting scheduled at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the administration building.

Proposals for a grievance procedure, a dismissal policy and a consultation agreement will be presented to the board for action, said Mrs. Betty Gilmore, president of the TSTA unit and a middle school teacher.

FORT WORTH — A four-alarm fire swept rapidly through Hobbs Trailers, destroying most of the

block-long 5-year-old business Wednesday.

Damage to the building, which is home office for 18 branch offices in other states, was estimated at \$175,000, with damage to the contents estimated at \$200,000.

No one was known to be injured in the fire.

HALTOM CITY — Police said they plan to file charges against two men Thursday who were arrested

Tuesday in connection with the abduction and rape of a 14-year-old girl.

The two men were taken to Fort Worth early Wednesday where they appeared in a lineup for further identification by the victim. Police said one man was given a polygraph exam as well.

The girl was abducted from a supermarket parking lot Monday evening.

Gramm says Bentsen slick

SAN ANTONIO — U.S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Tex., is a slick politician prepared to do or say anything for his political ambitions, says the man who hopes to unseat him.

Phil Gramm, a Texas A&M University economics professor campaigning for the Democratic nomination to Bentsen's post, said that against Bentsen is "his failure to tell the truth to Texans and his willingness to play politics with America's future."

Bentsen is running for both reelection and the Democratic presidential nomination. Gramm criticized the Texas presidential primary bill (he said) the Senator rammed through the legislature.

The professor said the Texas primary would give all delegates from a Texas senatorial district to whichever candidate won the plurality.

"If in any one senatorial district Fred Harris got 33 per cent of the vote, Wallace got 33 per cent of the vote and Bentsen got the remaining 34 per cent, then Bentsen would get 1 per cent," Gramm said.

This would mean that 66 per cent of our Democrats would have no voice at all," he added.

Gramm said that the primary vio-

lated the one-man-one-vote principle of the Constitution.

"I suppose that since Mr. Bentsen has ignored the one-man-one-office rule by running for two offices at once, then ignoring the one-man-one-vote doesn't bother him much."

Gramm criticized also Bentsen's voting record, attendance in the Senate and failure to represent Texas while nationalizing his stands.

President Ford drew remarks from Gramm also. Gramm said President Ford's "new realism" program to cut income taxes is "good politics but bad economics."

He said a five year program is needed to eliminate the deficit and balance the budget before any income tax cuts are passed.



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