

Council favors cotton research

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DALLAS — A National Cotton Council official says that a proposed increase in cotton producer assessments to add funds for industry research and marketing promotion "has the support" to be approved.
Herman Propst of Anson, Tex., the vice-chairman of the Producers Steering Committee for the Cotton Council, said Tuesday, "I feel the proposed additional funding has the support to pass."
Propst and about 45 other cotton industry spokesmen told a Department of Agriculture hearing Tuesday that cotton is beginning to regain its

share of the textile market, but more money is needed to retain and expand it.
The hearings are part of an effort by the USDA to hear cotton growers' comments on the possibility of an increased producer assessment.
Depending on the growers' opinion, the USDA may call for a referendum late this year on the proposed assessment of four tenths of one per cent of the gross sale price of each bale.
Another industry spokesman, Donnell Echols of Lamesa, Tex., said, "The producers are very much in favor of the added funding. It's

somewhat of a foregone conclusion that we should increase the amount of the assessment."
He added, "The only question is the amount of the rate and whether it is a percentage or another flat rate per bale assessment."
If the assessment is approved, cotton growers will continue to pay the \$1 per bale that now goes for promotion and research, Echols said.
Echols said the proposed additional assessment of four-tenths of one per cent on the gross sale price of each bale is favored by producers. Others in the cotton industry, such as merchants, might favor another

fixed figure per bale assessment.
Billy W. Golden of Seymour, Tex., treasurer of the Cotton Board, testified that cotton's "most compelling problem is to hold and fill its market."
He pointed out that the cotton industry is far behind the synthetic fabrics industry when it comes to research, advertising and promotion.
He said the synthetic fabrics industry last year spent \$60 million in advertising while the cotton industry spent only \$3.4 million. Synthetics also spent \$230 million in research while cotton research was limited to

\$5.4 million.
E. Hervey Evans Jr., of Laurinburg, N.C., testified that the additional income would expand all levels of research and marketing programs with agricultural textile research getting an important share of the funds.
Cotton currently accounts for 30 per cent of the textile market, an increase of one per cent over the previous year, officials said.
They said the higher prices of oil products needed in the production of synthetic fabrics have helped cotton expand its share of the market.

Greek sororities booming

Almost 550 women students are now joining or belong to one of the nine Greek sorority chapters in College Station.
Mrs. Rayford Anthony, past collegiate Panhellenic advisor, said the pledge class of each sorority more than doubles each year. Of the 245 women who registered for formal rush this year, 190 are now pledging. Eight decided not to and 45 dropped out before pledge time.
The pledge class is the group of women seeking membership in the sorority. Members of the sorority are called actives.
"We're still not recognized by the Texas A&M administration. But I want to make it clear that we haven't asked for recognition," Anthony said.
"If they decided to change their position, I don't know if the sororities would accept recognition. We would have to have a lot of discussion," she added.
Anthony said that recognition by the administration would mean the sororities could meet in university facilities and they would have to let the University control their finances

and banking.
"We've made it so far without recognition and I don't know if the girls would want to handle their banking through the school," she said.
The first sorority chapter in College Station, Delta Zeta, was established in December 1974. This fall nine chapters participated in rush

week: Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Gamma Delta and Alpha Phi.
Also, Chi Omega, Delta Zeta and Kappa Alpha Theta. Others were Kappa Kappa Gamma, Phi Mu and Zeta Tau Alpha.
Formal rush week began August 26 at the College Station Ramada Inn and ended August 31.

Party to honor former prof

Clifford H. Ransdell, former assistant dean of engineering and professor of engineering graphics, will be honored with a retirement reception Oct. 1.
The reception will be held in the Dean of Engineering Office on the second floor of the Zachry Engineering Center from 2 p. m. to 4:30 p. m.
Professor Ransdell retired this summer after 39 years on the faculty and staff at Texas A&M University.
He has received the Charles W. Crawford Award for distinguished service to the College of Engineering and the outstanding service award from the national society of Phi Eta Sigma honor society for engineering.
Ransdell is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, American Society for Engineering Education, Phi Delta Kappa, and Phi Eta Sigma.

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Congress rushing to adjourn

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WASHINGTON — Congress, rushing to adjourn by this weekend and head to the political campaigns, is deciding a wide variety of issues ranging from dams on the Mississippi to matters of war and peace in the Middle East.
Early this morning the House voted 307 to 31 for a bill that would require lobbyists to make public who they work for and how much money they spend trying to influence Congress and federal agencies. Present law requires only that lobbyists report their income and expenditures twice a year.
Sponsors of the lobbying bill, which now goes to a Senate-House conference committee, said they were concerned that the measure might have been doomed by a last-minute amendment requiring disclosure of big financial contributors to lobbying groups. They said the amendment might lead some groups to withdraw their support for the over-all bill.
The Senate today was to take up a bill that would increase unemployment taxes.
The lawmakers' schedule might gain another work item today if President Ford decides to veto a \$3.7-billion money bill for public works construction.
Ford promised congressional leaders yesterday that he would make his decision today to allow time for Congress to attempt a veto override before adjourning Friday or Saturday.
Following are some of the items that Congress acted on yesterday:
CHEMICAL SAFETY
Chemical manufacturers will have to test new chemical products for their effects on humans and the environment, according to legislation sent to President Ford by Congress.
The bill requires chemical makers to submit information on new chemical substances to the Environmental Protection Agency 90 days before the company plans to market them.
DISASTER AID
The Senate approved a measure appropriating \$334 million to repair government facilities and compensate victims of disasters in Idaho and Guam. Idaho was hit by a flood June 5 after the Teton Dam collapsed. Guam was hit by Typhoon Pamela earlier this year. The measure goes to the House which has not voted on Idaho relief.
CIA PAYMENTS
Final congressional approval was given to a bill to pay \$750,000 to the family of an Army scientist who leaped to his death in 1953 after being given LSD without his knowledge as part of an experiment.
The Senate had voted \$1,250,000 for the family of Frank Olson of Frederick, Md., but the House cut it to \$750,000. The Senate agreed.
U.S.-SAUDI ARABIA
The Senate Foreign Relations Committee killed a resolution that would have vetoed the sale of 650 air-to-ground Maverick missiles to Saudi Arabia. The panel acted after Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger made a personal plea that the sale be allowed.

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