

The Energy Crunch . . .

Clements will support gasahol bill

Gas use up in most states, down in a few

United Press International
AUSTIN — Gov. Bill Clements watched Tuesday as 12 gallons of gasahol — a mixture of gasoline and alcohol — were pumped into his

executive limousine, then said he will approve legislation promoting the production of gasahol in Texas. Agriculture Commissioner Reagan Brown, who arranged for 5,000 gallons of gasahol to be made available free to state officials, pumped the fuel into the governor's car as part of day-long activities promoting gasahol.

Leaders of three statewide farm organizations had joined Brown and other state officials in the Capitol earlier in the day for a rally promoting passage of bills legalizing the production of alcohol for fuel in Texas and exempting the fuel mixture from taxes.

Clements, Speaker Bill Clayton and Land Commissioner Bob Armstrong were among the first officials to agree to test the fuel in their vehicles. Armstrong rode his motorcycle through the rain to the gas station for a fillup — one gallon — of gasahol.

Clements said he will sign the gasahol legislation if it reaches his desk, but cautioned the fuel distilled from agricultural products is not the only answer to the gasoline

shortage. "None of us should get lost in the idea gasahol is going to solve all our energy problems in the short term, because it's not, but it can help," the governor said.

"It's a good thing. The more we can address the problems in energy, in whatever form, the better off we'll be."

Backers of the gasahol program quickly stuck a gasahol bumper sticker on Clements' limousine before it drove away.

The fuel mixture of 90 percent unleaded gasoline and 10 percent alcohol will be available to legislators and other state officials through Thursday, Brown said.

He said the alcohol can be made from corn, grain, watermelons, sugar cane or other agricultural products, and Midwest Solvents Inc. is prepared to build a plant near Santa Rosa in the Rio Grande Valley to produce the fuel alcohol.

"We can't make alcohol in Texas right now because of the liquor laws," Brown said. "It's ridiculous that millions of gallons of gasahol already have been sold in other states and we can't produce it in Texas. It's unfair to farmers."

He said the only opposition to the gasahol bills has been from the liquor industry, which is concerned about legalizing the distilling of alcohol in Texas.

WASHINGTON — Motorists burned 320.5 million gallons of gasoline per day last year, up 11 million gallons or 3.6 percent from the previous year, the Transportation Department reported.

The 1978 gas consumption reflects a 12.2 percent hike in daily consumption over 1975, the report indicated Monday.

Three states and the District of Columbia reported decreases in gas consumption — Alaska 5.9 percent; Delaware .2 percent; District of Columbia .7 percent; and Iowa .3 percent.

U.S. audits books to halt gas gouging

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NEW YORK — The U.S. Department of Energy has launched a nationwide campaign against gasoline price-gouging.

Energy officials said Monday they would attack the gouging problem with a stepped-up effort to audit the

books of gas dealers, particularly in the New York City area where prices are among the highest in the nation.

To herald the start of the campaign, Alan Moss, a lawyer for the department, held a news conference to issue summons to Joseph Perco, owner of a Mobil station at 62nd Street and First Avenue, where unleaded premium gas was going for 93.9 cents a gallon.

According to Moss, during a three-month investigation federal auditors had determined the Mobil station had overcharged customers by \$75,000 over the last five years.

Moss said that in addition to the New York area, the energy department had received numerous complaints of price-gouging from southern California and southern Florida.

Committee member Jeremiah Ray suggested requiring more sophisticated computer monitoring, as exists in electric power plants, to tell an operator when an emergency is nearing.

Lipinski told reporters he attended a meeting in 1976 at which either the owners or manufacturers of Three Mile Island and a similar plant at North Anna, Va., complained about the cost of instruments to record safety status continuously. He said he did not remember details of the meeting.

In lengthy testimony Monday, MacMillan and NRC safety officials said they did not believe design was the chief cause of the Three Mile Island problem.

MacMillan said Three Mile Island and eight other Babcock and Wilcox-built plants could be operated safely although design improvements will be made to help operators do their job.

Best in the world not enough

More reactor checks needed

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The safeguards committee was working on a set of recommendations to the NRC before actually meeting with the five commissioners later in the day.

Although Lipinski said the instruments at Three Mile Island were "the most up-to-date in the world," he had about a dozen proposals. They included installing:

- A device like an airline flight recorder to record exactly what happens during an emergency.
- A remote control pressure vent on top of the reactor.
- Better temperature indicators on the control panel and lights or alarms to indicate whether the safety systems are continuously working.

But another NRC consultant, Carl Michelson, cautioned in an interview about the need to study the question in detail before starting to "clutter up the place and involve massive amounts of wiring."

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