

Can't go to sister's wedding Workers rap forced overtime

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AUSTIN — The plight of employees forced to work overtime on Christmas Eve or suspended without pay for refusing to work overtime filed Monday to win the sympathy of the Senate Economic Development Committee.

"That committee ought to be renamed the business protection committee," said Sen. Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur.

The committee voted 4-2 to send to subcommittee Parker's bill which would prohibit employers from requiring employees to work longer than eight hours a day or 40 hours a week except in cases of unavoidable or unforeseeable circumstances disrupting normal operations.

Employers are finding it is cheaper in the long run in their operations to work the employees they

have and pay them premium pay rather than hire an adequate number of employees," Parker said. "Some employees do not want to work 50 to 60 hours a week. I don't think they ought to have to."

Allen Ferrell of Dallas, personnel coordinator for Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., said the proposal "would hamstring every business in the state of Texas."

Ferrell said if employees could refuse overtime the phone company might be unable to repair line breaks and restore service to customers on weekends and holidays.

B.J. Benfer of Burleson testified that Southwestern Bell suspended his son for refusing to work past 7 p.m. on the Saturday of his sister's wedding, Benfer said employees who refuse overtime face possible dismissal.

Kenneth J. Jester of Austin, another phone company worker, said he was threatened with dismissal when he said he could not take an overtime assignment because he needed to go to the drug store to pick up a prescription for his sick wife and baby.

Jester said he also was forced to work until 8 p.m. on Christmas Eve. "They consider any refusal to work

overtime as insubordinate and grounds for dismissal," Jester said.

Benfer said phone company supervisors have told workers, "There's no way they could make any plans for a ball game or anything with their family."

The Rev. Leroy Hubley of San Antonio told senators he is concerned about the harsh impact on families of mandatory overtime work.

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DENVER — Rep. Pat Schroeder, D-Colo., says it was intended as "fun," but it ended up as the Great Bunny Rabbit Debate among some of her constituents and political opponents.

Schroeder's portrayal in China of an Easter bunny has drawn substantial reaction — some good, some bad — at her offices in Washington and Denver.

Schroeder, who represents Colorado's 1st District, wore a white bunny suit and a papier-mache rabbit head April 15 and distributed Easter eggs and jelly beans to American tourists and Chinese at the Great Wall.

"I don't know why she did it," said Jack Rigg Jr., Republican chairman in the 1st District, which consists mostly of Denver. "It seemed kind of silly to me. People expect more than that kind of thing."

"If nothing else, it's the kind of thing that could have an impact over time, and it will be more negative than anything else. It detracts from her image as a representative of the city."

Colorado Republican Chairman Phil Winn said Schroeder's behavior was "extraordinarily demeaning to America as a whole, and in extraordinary poor taste."

Romaine Pacheco, manager of Schroeder's 1st District office, said Friday that criticism of the congresswoman's behavior was an "over-reaction."

"We've gotten reaction, yes," said Pacheco. "But people are losing sight of the real reason she went to China — to study Sino-Soviet relations. Two hours in a bunny suit and they forget why she went there."

Schroeder put the costume on in her room at the Peking Hotel, went into a dining room, then traveled by bus to the Great Wall, where she drew a crowd of Chinese. Later, she gave out eggs, candy and soap for blowing bubbles to children at the U.S. Embassy.

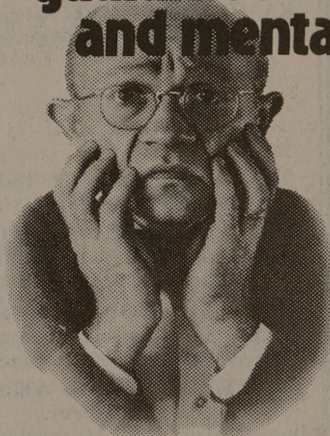
Schroeder was in China as a member of the visiting House Military Affairs Committee.

Schroeder said she brought the bunny suit "because I thought it would be fun and because when I was here in 1976 I visited kids at the embassy, and clearly it was a struggle to do anything American here."

Schroeder's Washington office reported receiving a substantial number of telephone calls complaining about the episode, and Pacheco said her office also received phone calls about the incident. She said the office received both complaints and praise, but no tally was kept of positive and negative reaction.

"We've received a variety of comment," said Pacheco. "Some say, 'I think it's great and only Pat Schroeder would do that.' Others say she demeaned the dignity of Congress."

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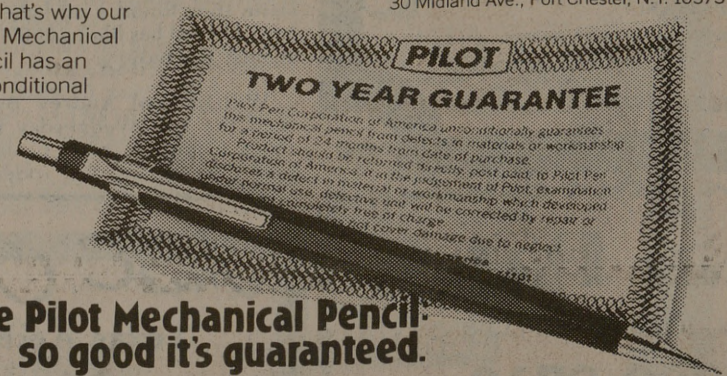
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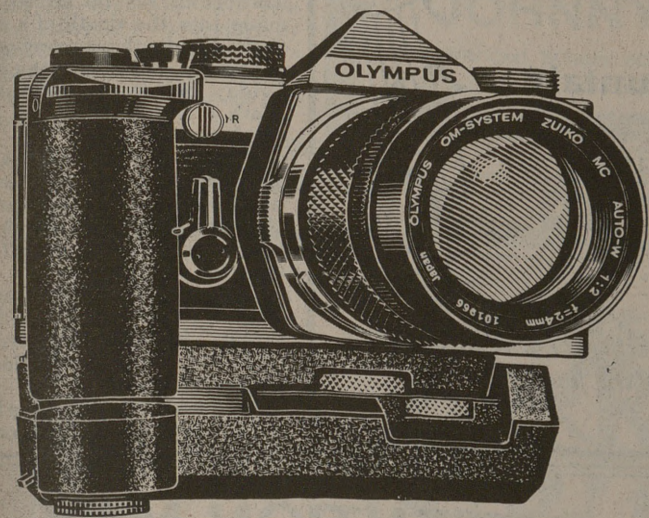


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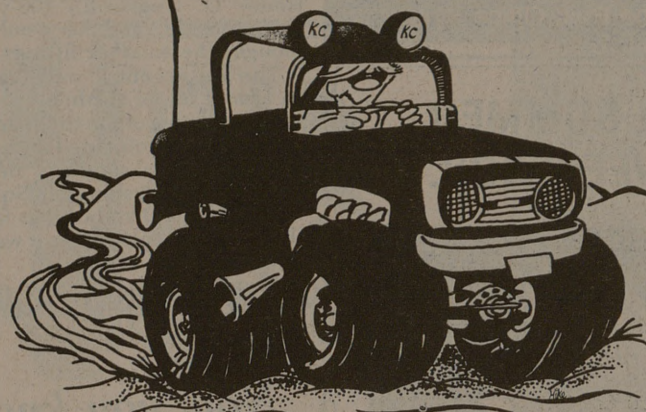
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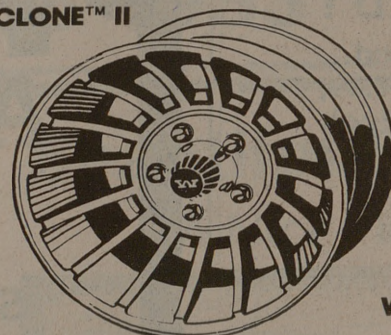
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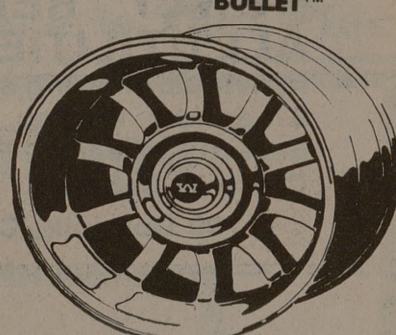
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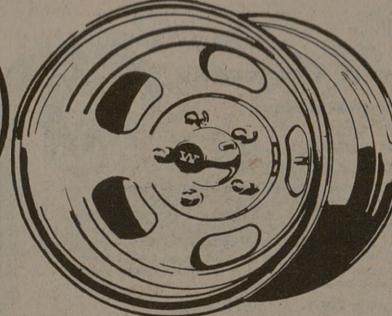
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