Agency head demands companies back project

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HOUSTON — The chairman of the state agency working to build a Texas offshore oil terminal has announced he will resign if oil companies have not come forward by Jan. 1 with the necessary support for the project.

Texas Deepwater Port Authority Chairman Bob Casey said the agency was created and has been financed by the Texas Legislature at the urging of oil companies, but he said its future is in doubt.

Casey said the oil companies have delayed signing use agreements needed to sell the $1.2 billion worth of bonds to finance the supertanker unloading terminal 26 miles south of Freeport.

He said TDPA needs company commitments to unload at least 1.4 million barrels of crude oil daily through the terminal.

"We've got a lot of questions, a great deal of interest, but no indications," Casey said. "If they (use agreements) are not signed by the end of the year, I don't see how we can move forward after that.

"If they can't make up their mind between now and December, I'm not going to play around. I'm not going to be the one to go back next year and ask the legislature for more money."

Casey said costs will be inflating at the rate of $300,000 daily by early next year.

"As long as the companies sit back, it could kill another year and the price would go out the window," he said. "They've been thinking about it for seven years now."

Casey said that, after the allprivate Seadock Inc. consortium failed following several years of effort to put together plans for an offshore superport, private oil companies pressed for state involvement.

Now, Casey said, the companies are saying, "You build it and we sure will use it. We've got that kind of barrelage all over the place. I didn't ask for this — the industry asked for it."

Executive Director Gerald Jackson, who joined Casey in the threat to resign, said 19 companies attended a meeting at TDPA's offices Sept. 11 and nine companies had visited the offices since then.

Officials say backups to Army unprepared

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SAN ANTONIO — National Guard and Reserve strength are dropping at the time membership is needed the worst, putting the backup military forces in "serious condition," Army officials said Friday.

Forty generals have been attending sessions at Fort Sam Houston and the St. Anthony Hotel this week to discuss improving personnel, logistics and training readiness of the National Guard and Reserve, which have lost ground since the draft was ended.

Lt. Gen. William B. Caldwell III, commander of the Fifth Army area, which runs from Texas to Canada, said the National Guard in his area is at 80.7 percent of its authorized strength — down from 82.9 percent a year ago. He said reserve strength is down to 67.7 percent.

"Strengthwise we are in serious condition," Caldwell said. "Membership is down and it's been dropping since 1973 when the draft was terminated."

Caldwell said the active Army has rarely needed the standby personnel as much as it does today.

"When the Army went volunteer, a decision was made to limit the active Army and to rely on the Reserve and Guard," he said.

But as it now stands, the general said the United States would be hard pressed to quickly train, equip and mobilize a fighting force in the event of war.

"It might take five to seven months, and we might not have that luxury," Caldwell said.

He did not offer specific measures that might be taken to beef up sagging Reserve and National Guard rosters, but said the Army would try to make training "more attractive, challenging and realistic."

Med student says unarmed man shot

Police arrest version denied

United Press International

HOUSTON — A medical student disputes the police account of a man's fatal shooting, claiming officers abused the man and a woman companion, lied about the man being armed and in saying there was a second man who fled the scene.

Officers J.C. Valentino and R.W. Robinson reported they stopped a car and shot the driver, Reggie Lee Jackson, 28, Wednesday after the woman kicked Valentino and Jackson and another man fled. They said Jackson pointed a gun at them.

Charles Thompson IV, 34, a medical assistant who works for his physician father on Dowling Street where the shooting occurred about 2 a.m. Wednesday, said he was in the office waiting for friends when the incident occurred.

Thompson said he watched through a window and then went out through a side door to watch from behind the corner of the building.

Thompson said the officers stopped the car Jackson was driving and ordered Jackson and a woman out of the car. The officers said a second man was lying across the back seat. Thompson said there was no second man in the car.

"Let me tell you emphatically there was no such animal. That was absolutely false. There was one black male and one black female and that was it," Thompson said.

Thompson said Jackson was frisked, then ordered to drop his pants so the officers could search his shorts.

"There's no way in hell he could even have had a toothpick on him after that search, much less a gun," Thompson said.

Thompson said the officers also searched the woman and, when one of them put his hand in her hip pocket, she said, "You can't do that."

Thompson said the officer struck her on the head with a flashlight and said, "Don't you know I can hurt you, girl." Thompson said she fell dazed to the pavement and one of the officers carried her to the patrol car.

Thompson said Jackson then started running and the officers gave chase. Thompson said he panicked and ran back inside the building and, through the wall, heard someone say "Please, please."

"The officer said something, but I couldn't understand what," Thompson said. "Approximately 30 seconds later there were three shots at about one second intervals — boom, boom, boom — just like that."

Police said an unfired .38-caliber pistol was found near Jackson's body. Thompson said Jackson's hands were empty when he took them off the hood of the police car and fled.

Valentino and Robinson said they fired a total of seven shots when Jackson pointed the pistol at them. Thompson said four shots were fired while Jackson fled and three were fired where he was stopped.

A medical examiner said three police bullets hit Jackson.

The police said the car turned out to have been stolen. The officers said they found in the car a television set, credit cards, jewelry, syringes and other items believed to have been stolen.

The woman was in custody as a material witness to the shooting.

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